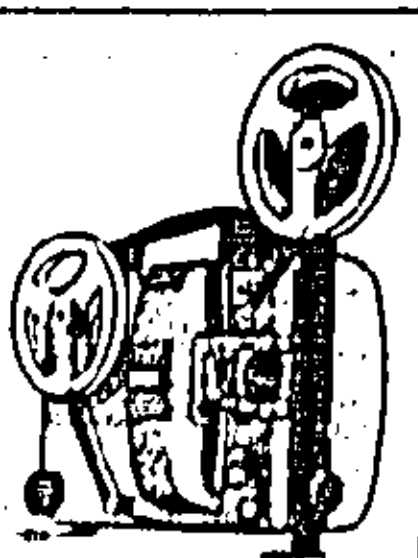


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Rockets galore

BEGINNING with a timid bang and answered by a salvo of crackers, the Chinese New Year will be ushered in. From then on, the Colony will rock and roll to the creptation of squibs and the detonation of thunder-flashes. So, since time immemorial have the Chinese heralded their New Year.

In the ancient days, when China was at leisure and the Dragon throne held the country in feudal bondage, such ancient customs were well adjusted to ancient usages, but since China has awakened from its long sleep, it has frowned upon the indiscriminate use of the festive firecracker in modern surroundings.

We can well recall ourselves the first Chinese New Year celebrated under the new regime, and with Chinese friends felt a little sad to see the passing of an old custom, yet respecting the wisdom of the new government who banished entirely the firework from the highways where a carelessly thrown cracker would endanger life and limb.

HERE, in Hongkong, where ancient customs rub elbows with modern civilisation, authority is loath to interfere with cherished usages, but at the same time both the Chinese and the Europeans agreed that some control must be observed in the interest of personal safety. It is somewhat amusing to look back at an editorial written by the Friend of China over a hundred years ago in reply to an indignant European who had been thrown from his horse in Queen's-road, after the poor beast had been frightened by a string of crackers thrown under its feet.

Writing on February 7, 1849, the Editor said that the discharge of crackers was necessary to secure good fortune, but went on to say: "...but the abuse complained of is quite different. We witnessed personally a mass of burning crackers thrown the whole width of Queen's-road so as to alight in front of a rider."

WE would suggest that the position is much the same today, save that the danger of exploding fireworks upon our highways has increased a thousandfold. To throw a lighted cracker in a person's face is not celebrating the arrival of the New Year, it is the action of a fool and a criminal fool at that.

To throw a lighted cracker through the window of a motor car is a criminal action, and we cannot imagine any responsible person in Hongkong, whether Chinese or European, having it otherwise.

And as we celebrate one another's customs, we find that the faults are by no means one-sided. If in the back streets of Victoria, we find the oaf dropping a cracker in a car, no we find the young foreigner out throwing indiscriminately at the bus drivers in Kowloon Tong, or running short of buses, amusing themselves by frightening dogs.

This must not be. We urge the police to prosecute these people with the utmost severity. By all means let there be salvoes of joy within the curfew period; but the indiscriminate discharge of crackers must not be permitted.

Red rocket more than 100,000 miles from earth SPACESHIP ON WAY TO VENUS

Soviet Union three years ahead in planet race

Moscow, Feb. 13.

The Russian spaceship which was launched on Sunday is now more than 100,000 miles from the earth and if all goes well it will approach Venus about May 15. This will give man his first contact with the other planets.

GAS SUPPLY AT REDUCED PRESSURE

The overall gas supply to Hongkong island is being maintained today at reduced pressure as a result of a burst gas main in Queen's-road East near Gresson-street.

The gas main sprang a leak shortly before 11 pm yesterday and caught fire.

The fire was said to have been caused by a street urchin who let off a firecracker nearby. Workers today began repairing the burst gas main.

A spokesman for the Hongkong and China Gas Co. Ltd. said this morning the repair work is expected to be completed within 24 hours as from noon today.

A Government spokesman said the section of the road affected is now open to west-bound traffic only.

"This traffic restriction is likely to continue for the next few days until damage to the gas main has been repaired."

The fire was put out at 8.24 am today, he said.

KIDNAPPED BANKER: LATEST NEWS

There is no further news on the Police search for the kidnappers of the missing Chinese banker, Mr Wong Sik-pun.

Reports that a letter demanding money had been sent to the family before the kidnapping met with the following official comment today: "The Government knows nothing about the alleged letter."

The remainder of the Wong family are reported to have evacuated their residence at 13 Perkins-road and have left only an agent behind.

Meanwhile, Mr Wong's tenth son, Wong Yim-shi, editor of a small town newspaper in America, is said to be returning to Hongkong to take over control of the family business.

New post for Duke of Kent

London, Feb. 12. The Duke of Kent takes up a post as assistant to the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Field Marshal Sir Francis Festing, tomorrow after two and a half years as a captain in the Royal Scots Greys in Germany.—China Mail Special.

Fatal

South Charleston, Feb. 13. Mr James Franklin Cobbs, 82, minister of the Church of Christ, was stricken fatally by an apparent heart attack as he conducted a funeral service on Sunday.

Mr Cobbs' last words, according to a funeral home attendant, were: "We never know who might be next."—AP.

The Soviet Union orbited a new "heavy" sputnik carrying a 1,415-pound piggy back spaceship which was detached on command from earth and sent on an interplanetary flight to Venus with a Soviet flag in its nose on Sunday.

The formal Tass announcement was made when the spaceship was almost 100,000 miles from earth. It was an unprecedented shot, made three years ahead of planned U.S. planet probe and it won cheers from Western scientists as a "fantastic demonstration of rocketry."

This could be a bid by the Soviet Union—which has already photographed the hidden side of the moon—to photograph earth's mystery neighbour, always hidden behind a veil of clouds.

Near future

A Moscow broadcast said in December 1959, that Russian scientists hoped "in the very near future" to photograph Venus and Mars.

The Tass announcement did not give the weight of the heavy satellite orbiting the earth—but it is believed here that it might have been a sputnik like the one launched a week ago. Little has since been said of that space probe.

The flying space station has on board pennants with the emblem of the Soviet Union. These are presumably similar to those scattered on the face of the moon.

The space station's flight is being observed from a special centre somewhere in the Soviet Union.

Tass said that the 1,420-lb space station will "carry out a programme of physical observations in outer space."

Tass said that the station will also:

★ 1.—Check ways of putting a space body in an inter-planetary trajectory;

★ 2.—Check radio communication distances over "super-long distances" and the guiding of a space station, and

★ 3.—Check more exactly the size of the solar system.

The announcement hailed the launching as "blazing the first path to planets of the solar system."

Normal

It said equipment on board the station, last reported to be nearly 79,000 miles out in space, was "functioning normally." It said the station was closely following its planned path.

Last year Professor Nikolai Barabashov, a Soviet astronomer, wrote in a Soviet journal that recent discoveries appeared to show Venus was now in the carboniferous period on earth, and that life might be just appearing there in forms unknown on earth.

This conflicted with a report to the American Association for the Advancement of Science in December 1959 which said Venus was far too hot for life—any lakes or seas on its surface would be of molten metal.

America has tried and failed to send up Pioneer satellites to orbit Venus.

Earth's twin

Venus, often called the earth's twin since it is nearly the same size and comes closer to the earth than any other planet, has long been one of the most puzzling of the heavenly bodies.

The actual surface of the planet is permanently hidden by an all-concealing atmosphere and what knowledge has been obtained is very fragmentary—though there are many conflicting theories.

Apart from the moon, the planet Venus is the nearest to earth. It can approach to within 25 million miles in its orbit round the sun, while Mars is always more than 34 million miles away.

Venus—the "evening star"—is currently on one of its closest approaches to the earth. It is closer to the sun than the earth and at its most brilliant it is far superior to any object in the sky except the sun and moon.

The question of whether there is life there has long perplexed scientists. Many astronomers believe that the planet is a hot dusty desert without a scrap of moisture. Other views are that the entire surface is covered with water, or that it is covered in ice.

The only relatively definite information has come from investigations of the atmosphere surrounding the planet.

Failed

These investigations have so far failed to detect water vapour or free oxygen but have shown that the atmosphere round the planet is extremely rich in carbon dioxide gas.

This gives weight to the "greenhouse" theory with the sun's heat blanketed in so that the surface temperature of the planet would be very high.

This would also indicate that planet life could not be abundant. In fact there is no proof that plants exist at all.

Also the present evidence indicates that men could not exist on Venus and animal life in any form would appear out of the question.

Generally it is felt that Venus is a world where life has not developed though there is always the chance that if the water theory is correct the oceans of Venus might contain primitive creatures of the sort which flourished in the earth's own seas more than 500 million years ago.

Long time

The advantage of firing the Venus probe from an orbiting satellite instead of direct from earth comes in the nature of the power drive that can be used.

To fire a heavy object from earth requires a vast initial power surge to counteract the effect of gravity. Because the fuel used is itself part of the load to be raised, this has to be a shortlived burst of terrific power.

But to direct an object on a journey away from a body already in orbit, and therefore free from gravity, only a relatively small amount of power is needed. Thus an object fired from a satellite can be given a gradual, and correspondingly longer lived, power surge.

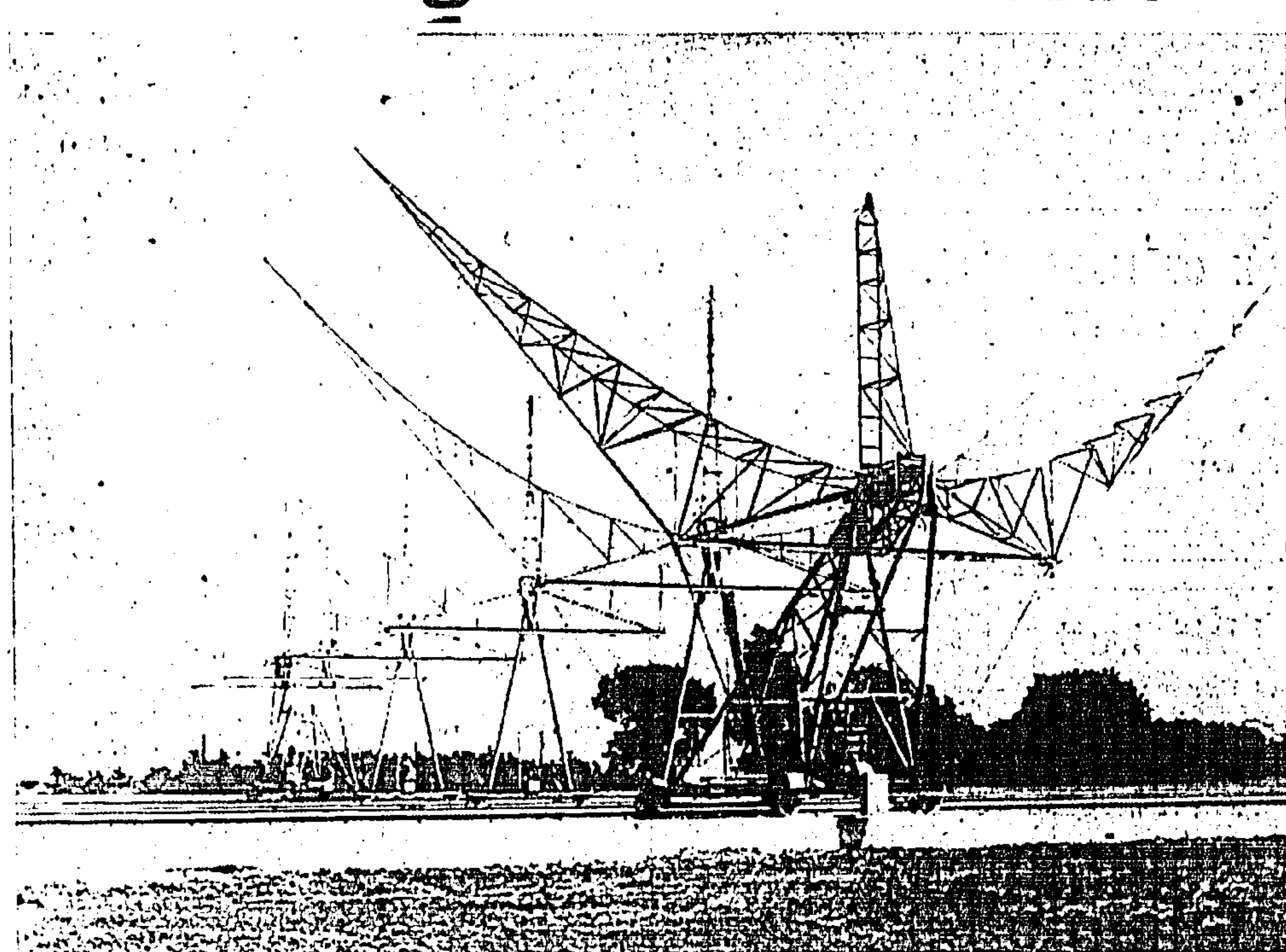
This ability to remain under power for a long time, even at a low rate of acceleration, is particularly valuable for changing course and changing speed.

On long journeys a continuous small increase in acceleration can produce a greater final speed than a sharp but brief initial surge.—UPI & Reuter.

Windsor, Feb. 12.

Prince Charles, 12-year-old heir to the throne, is convalescing at the Royal Palace here after an attack of measles. He arrived here from his school at nearby Cheam yesterday.—Reuter.

Probing the universe



The moving aerial and railway tracks of the radio star interferometer, or aerial, at the Mullard radio astronomy observatory in Cambridge, which was used by a team of six scientists to probe deep into the heavens in searching for evidence of how the universe began. The scientists, led by Prof Martin Ryle, FRS (below), 42, Professor of Radio Astronomy at the University of Cambridge and Director of the Mullard radio astronomy observatory, have been researching for nine years. They claim they have proof to explain how the universe began. The new evidence points to the universe having originated from a colossal explosion.—AP Photo.



Lion kills trainer's saviour

Bordeaux, Feb. 12. A young lioness, "Rita," who saved her trainer's life last year when he was attacked and mauled by a 14-year-old lion named "Atlas" during a circus performance, has been killed by Atlas.

The lion pushed through a gate between their cages which had not been properly locked and killed the four-year-old lioness.

Circus officials said they believed Atlas had hated the lioness ever since she had saved the trainer's life and had taken the first opportunity of revenge.—China Mail Special.

BELGIAN ENVOY AND WIFE ESCAPE INJURY

Cairo, Feb. 12.

The Belgian Ambassador Maurice Iweins Deekhouette and his wife narrowly escaped injury and possibly death today when a mob of pro-Lumumba African students hurled heavy stones through windows of the Ambassador's office.

About 300 pro-Lumumba African students attacked the embassy with stones and overturned a sentry box in an apparent protest against the rumoured death of Congo Premier Patrice Lumumba in dissident Katanga Province. Eyewitnesses estimated the crowd at ranging between 50 and 300.

The students marched on the embassy this morning shortly after overturning the sentry box before the front gate. They stoned the embassy with stones nearly half the size of a man's head and tried to climb a grilled fence surrounding the compound.

In office

The ambassador and wife were in his office fronting the street windows. The hall of stones barely missed the ambassador and his wife.

Police eventually persuaded the students to leave the embassy premises.

One Egyptian source said the police arrested 15 demonstrators, visibly shaken by the incident. Ambassador Deekhouette received three reporters after his shattered office.

Two full length windows facing the street were shattered and the office floor was littered with broken glass and stones.

Showed scars

Even walls on the opposite side showed scars of the stoning. "I was sitting at my desk working and my wife was in that chair," the ambassador explained pointing to a chair with its back to the window. The chair was covered with glass and stones and on the floor beside it was a heavy stone.

"I have asked for a meeting with the Foreign Minister and naturally shall make a protest," the ambassador said.—AP.

Handless driver passes test

London, Feb. 12. A man with no hands passed his driving test at the first attempt in a modified car. He was Mr Bert Young, 40, of Tormarton, Gloucester, who since birth has had no left arm and a 12-inch stump for a right arm.

He had 20 hours of instruction from a driving school before taking the test.

The steering wheel was adapted to fit his stump, and gear brakes and ignition were modified.

Mr Young has played cricket and darts, and delivers newspapers on a bicycle.—China Mail Special.

Strip hoax

Middlesbrough, Feb. 12. "You are polio contacts," said the cultured voice on the telephone. "Please take off your clothes and wait for a visit from a medical officer."

At least four of the women who answered the phone last night stripped and sat waiting—until it began to dawn on them that the call was a hoax, and the caller was not the assistant medical officer, as he said he was.—UPI.

HK man seeks Japanese who helped him

Tokyo, Feb. 13.

A Hongkong businessman has asked the Mainichi newspaper to help him find a Japanese who cared for him when he was stricken with an almost fatal illness during World War II.

Chang Chung-chung, assistant manager of a Hongkong textile factory, said Asao Kawashima saved his life by getting him into a Japanese Army Hospital and supplying him with food and medicine.

Chang visited Japan on business recently. He said Kawashima was a civilian employee of the Japanese occupation army during the war. He said he had been looking for the man since 1945.—UPI.

Dynamite suicide

Tokyo, Feb. 13.

A Japanese lumberjack and his sweetheart used dynamite to commit suicide during the night because they couldn't get married, police reported on Sunday. They said Kyoze Miyazawa, 23, left a note explaining that he and Miss Aiko Noto, 19, farmer's daughter, were dying together because their parents were opposed to their marriage.

The blast shattered windows and the door of a second floor bedroom in Kyoze's elder brother's home.—AP.

Dishonest

Bristol, Feb. 12.

Disbelieving thieves saw a sign outside a mineral water factory here reading: "Notice to intending intruders. Do not waste your time and energy breaking into these premises. We bank all cash daily. No cash is left on the premises overnight."

The gang broke in and this morning it was discovered they had driven off in a lorry with a two-and-half hundred weight safe containing about £70 and all the employees' insurance cards.—China Mail Special.

'I don't want to be a Gary Cooper' GALVAO TO STAR IN FILM

Story of the Santa Maria piracy

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 12.

The "pirate captain" Henrique Galvao, who engineered the high seas seizure of the Portuguese liner Santa Maria last month, will play the leading role in a film on the episode, it was learned here today.

A Mexican producer was expected here on Friday to sign up Galvao for the hero's role in the adventure to be filmed in Mexico. Galvao declared "The only thing I ask is that they do not transform me into a Gary Cooper."



CAPT. GALVAO

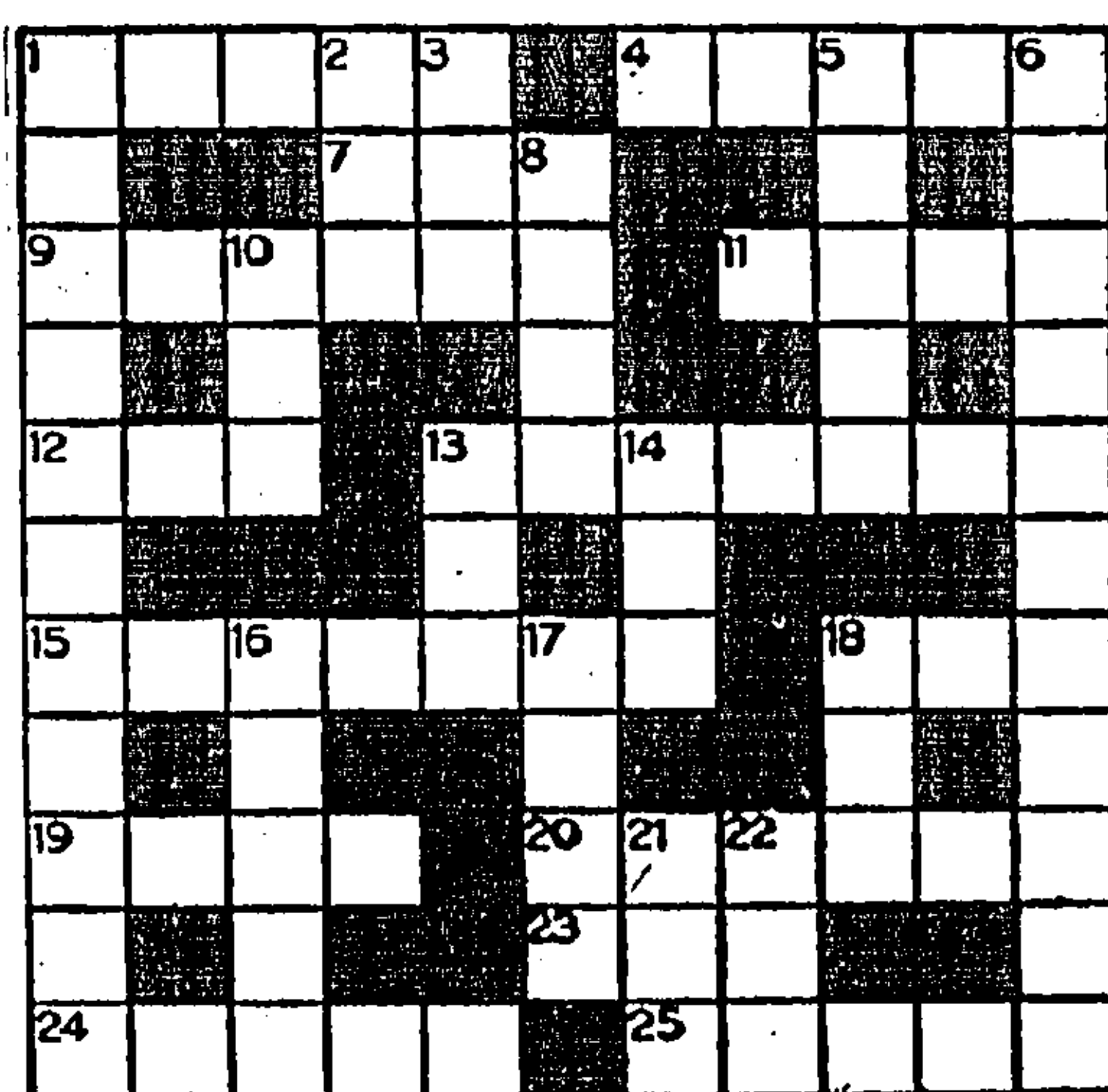
Funeral of Queen's aunt

Edinburgh, Feb. 11. The Queen Mother today attended the funeral of her sister, Lady Elphinstone, who died at her home, Carberry Towers, on Wednesday.

A small crowd watched the Queen Mother arrive at St. Peter's Church, Musselburgh, where Dr. K. C. H. Warner, the Bishop of Edinburgh, conducted the service.

Among the mourners were Lord Elphinstone and the Reverend Andrew Elphinstone, Lady Elphinstone's son, the Honourable Elizabeth Elphinstone, her daughter, and Sir David Bower-Lyon, her brother. A wreath was sent on behalf of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, who are in Pakistan.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Naps.
- 4 Clean.
- 7 Clear.
- 9 Desert.
- 11 Tie.
- 12 Thrust.
- 13 Reinstated.
- 14 Thronged.
- 15 Started.
- 16 Measures.
- 20 Condemned.
- 23 Female.
- 24 City.
- 25 Has on.

DOWN

- 1 Scandalous.
- 2 Epoch.
- 3 Title.
- 5 Composition.
- 6 Insects.
- 8 Stupor.
- 10 Buzz.
- 13 Slick.
- 14 Melancholy.
- 16 Fat.
- 17 Every.
- 18 Bird.
- 21 Cut.
- 22 Wrath.

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Soris, 5 Draws, 9 The, 10 Equal, 11 Aimed, 12 Ewe, 13 Boo, 14 Apt, 15 Cut, 16 Vanish, 21 Even, 22 Oval, 23 Dredge, 24 Bee, 31 Ode, 32 Ida, 34 Roy, 35 Sillas, 37 Speak, 38 Ere, 39 Stead, 40 Sided. Down: 1 Stable, 2 Ohio, 3 Remove, 4 Sedan, 5 Duets, 6 Raw, 7 Alec, 8 Shot, 10 Pined, 17 Una, 19 And, 20 Hog, 22 Vie, 24 Velled, 25 Leased, 27 Roped, 28 Dents, 29 Bags, 30 Erre, 33 Dare, 35 Ape.

Liberals oppose S. Africa

London, Feb. 12.

A Liberal Party meeting here has approved a resolution calling on the Government to refuse "any application for re-admission to membership of the Commonwealth" by South Africa.

The Government should do this "in view of the racial policies pursued by the South African Government and the manner in which the referendum upon the republican status was carried out."

Mr. Thomas Kellock, who hopes to join the party's six Members of Parliament as the representative of Torquay at the next election, said Britain was being asked to admit to this "free association of nations," a country with a policy of "downright slavery."

"Would we admit Spain, Portugal and Russia into the Commonwealth? The policy of the Union of South Africa is as despicable. It is not far worse than these," said Mr. Kellock.

He said those who spoke for the Africans were asking for Britain to oppose South Africa's re-admission.—China Mail Special.

Scientific group

Auckland, Feb. 12.

A scientific party of eight men, led by Albert T. Gray and conducted by the University of Wisconsin, arrived at the South Pole today after a 1,200-mile journey from McMurdo Sound.

A New Zealand Press Association message from Christchurch says the journey took 65 days. The party is the seventh of any nationality to make the overland journey to the Pole, and the second to arrive this season.—AP.

HK GIRL'S SHOP

English women take to the cheongsam

London, Feb. 12.

The Chinese woman's slit-skirted cheongsam is becoming popular with women here, thanks to Miss Katherine Sung, a Chinese dress designer from Hongkong.

Miss Sung, who opened a shop in London's fashionable Knights Bridge district last April, was afraid English women might consider the slinky cheongsam with its side slits too revealing.

Instead, she found some customers wanted their slits cut higher than she considered proper.

"I think they got their ideas from the film, 'Suzie Wong,' in which most of the girls are prostitutes," Miss Sung told me. "No decent Chinese girl would wear such exaggerated slits."

CERTAIN MINIMUM

A few customers do ask for only a little slit and Miss Sung has to persuade them that a certain minimum is essential for comfort in walking and sitting.

Miss Sung first came to London on holiday a year ago and decided to stay.

"I had my own fashion business in Hongkong, too," she said. "The funny thing is that there I made mostly European clothes because that was what my customers wanted."

Her customers here—they include English film actress Ann Todd—choose cheongsams mainly for party and cocktail wear or for daytime wear in summer.

Prices range from £5 for a simple cotton cheongsam to £100 for one fur-lined to keep out the English cold.

Miss Sung herself prefers the cheongsam to European dress. "I have several fur-lined ones," she said.—China Mail Special.

More drinking

Wiesbaden, Feb. 12.

Every West German above the age of 16 drank an average of 211 pints of beer last year—five per cent more than in the previous year—according to the Federal Statistics Office.—China Mail Special.

SPY SUSPECT WAS ON TO A GOOD THING

El Paso, Feb. 12.

Gordon A. Lonsdale, accused of being the mastermind of a British spy ring that came to light in England last week, wrote to an El Paso family on a 1958 Christmas card that he was involved in something "fantabulous."

He did not elaborate and the family never heard from him again.

Lonsdale and four others are accused in London of betraying British naval secrets to Moscow. Capt. Raymond K. Straw Jr. and his wife were in a party touring the Continent in 1955 when Lonsdale joined their group in Brussels.

The Straws were living at a Royal Air Force base where Lonsdale later visited them on two occasions, the last just before they returned to the United States with their three children in early 1957.

"He was short, stocky, good-natured and full of fun," Mrs. Straw recalled. "He had an alert mind and was always thinking of angles, such as where he could get things cheaper."

After they returned to England, Lonsdale attended the University of London studying Chinese, the Straws said.

He told them his interest in Chinese stemmed from having lived near Chinatown in San Francisco while a child.—AP.

Monroe 'unchanged'

New York, Feb. 12.

Marilyn Monroe remained in Presbyterian Hospital here today with her condition reported "unchanged."

The actress entered there earlier in the weekend for a rest and physical check-up.—AP.

BATTLE IN ORAN STREET

Oran, Feb. 12.

Police and insurgents fought a machinegun battle in a crowded Oran street tonight.

One insurgent was killed and two others captured. Several passers-by narrowly escaped being hit by bullets.

Police said later that three members of the insurgent FLN (National Liberation Front) had driven into a European section of Oran intending to carry out terrorist acts. Police and security forces had been tipped off, and were waiting for them.

When the insurgents saw the police they took flight. Two of them were captured immediately, but the third escaped into a courtyard from which he opened fire, narrowly missing passers-by.

Police returned his fire and immediately killed him.—Reuter.

QUICK THINKER

Chicopee, Mass., Feb. 12.

Quick-thinking three-year-old Dianne Chouinard saved the life of her two-year-old sister, Denise who had stuffed a button up her nose and was suffocating. Dianne climbed onto a cupboard, grabbed a pepper pot and shook it over her sister who gave a mighty sneeze—and out popped the button.—China Mail Special.

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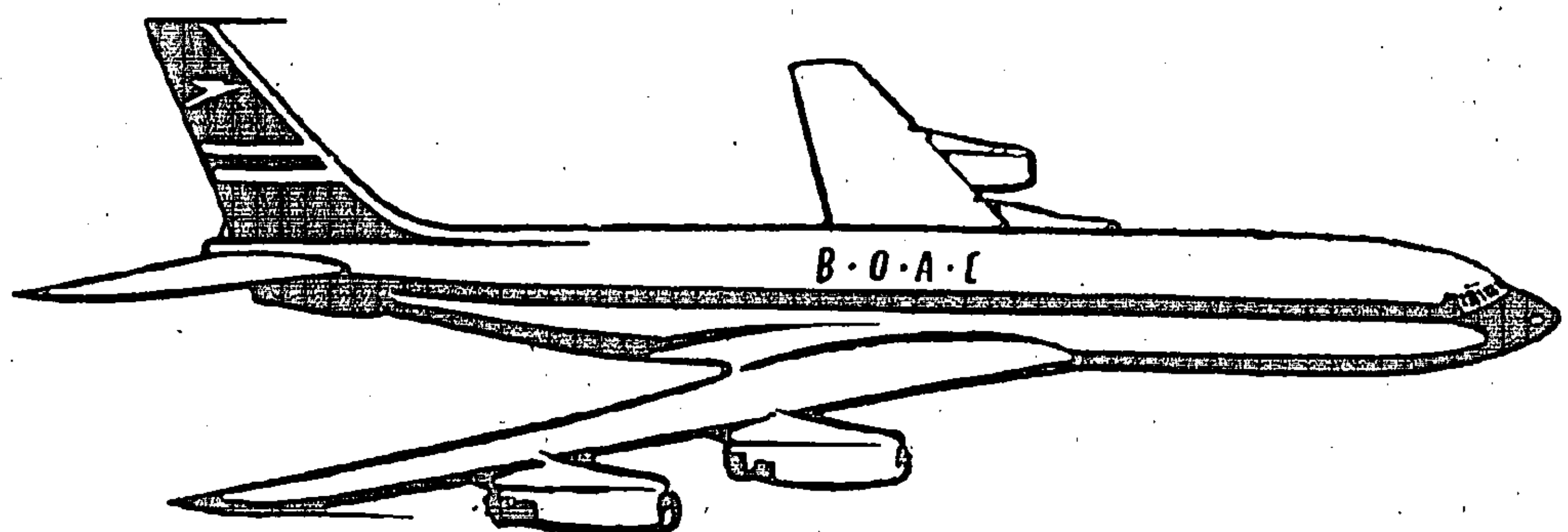
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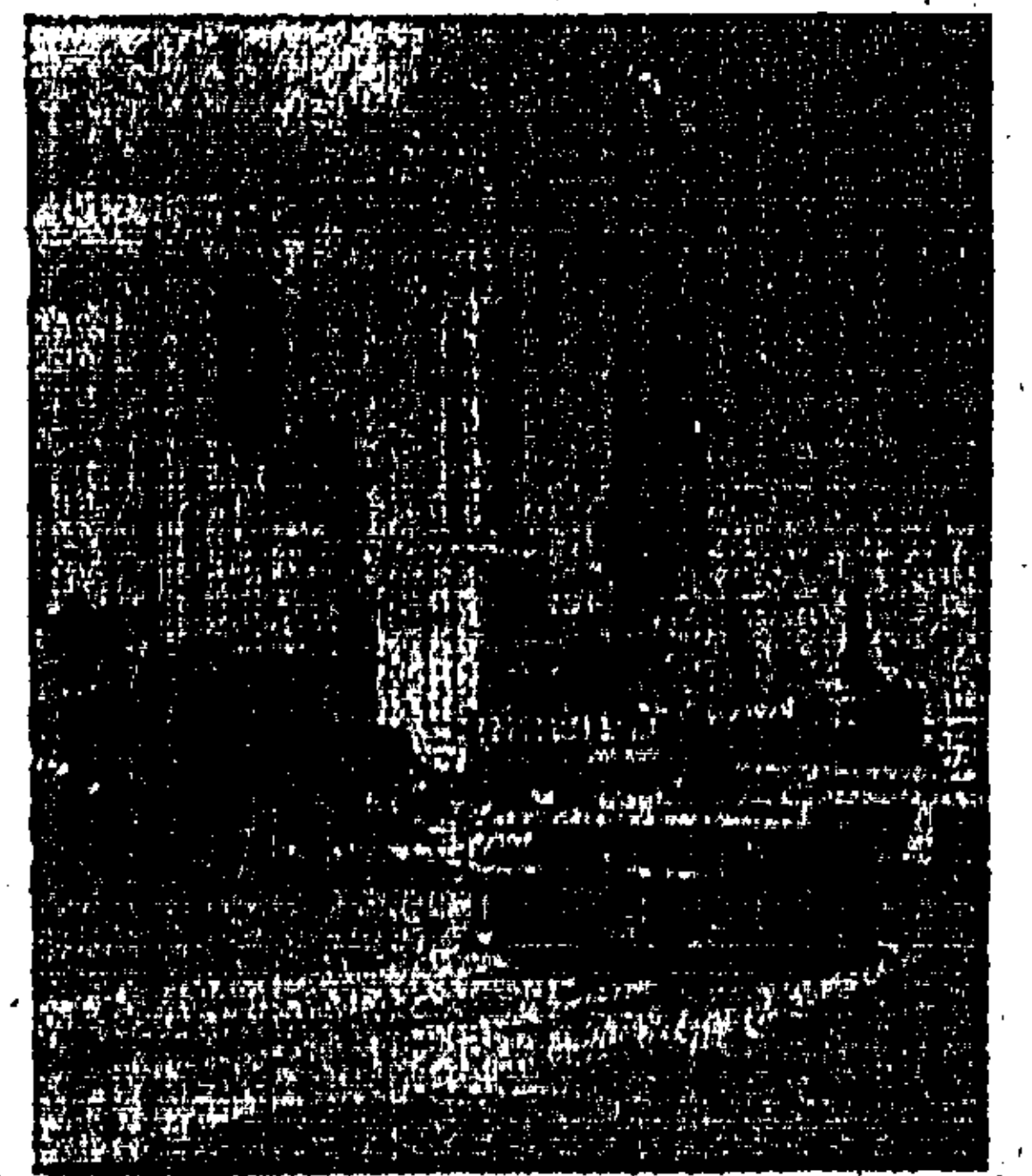
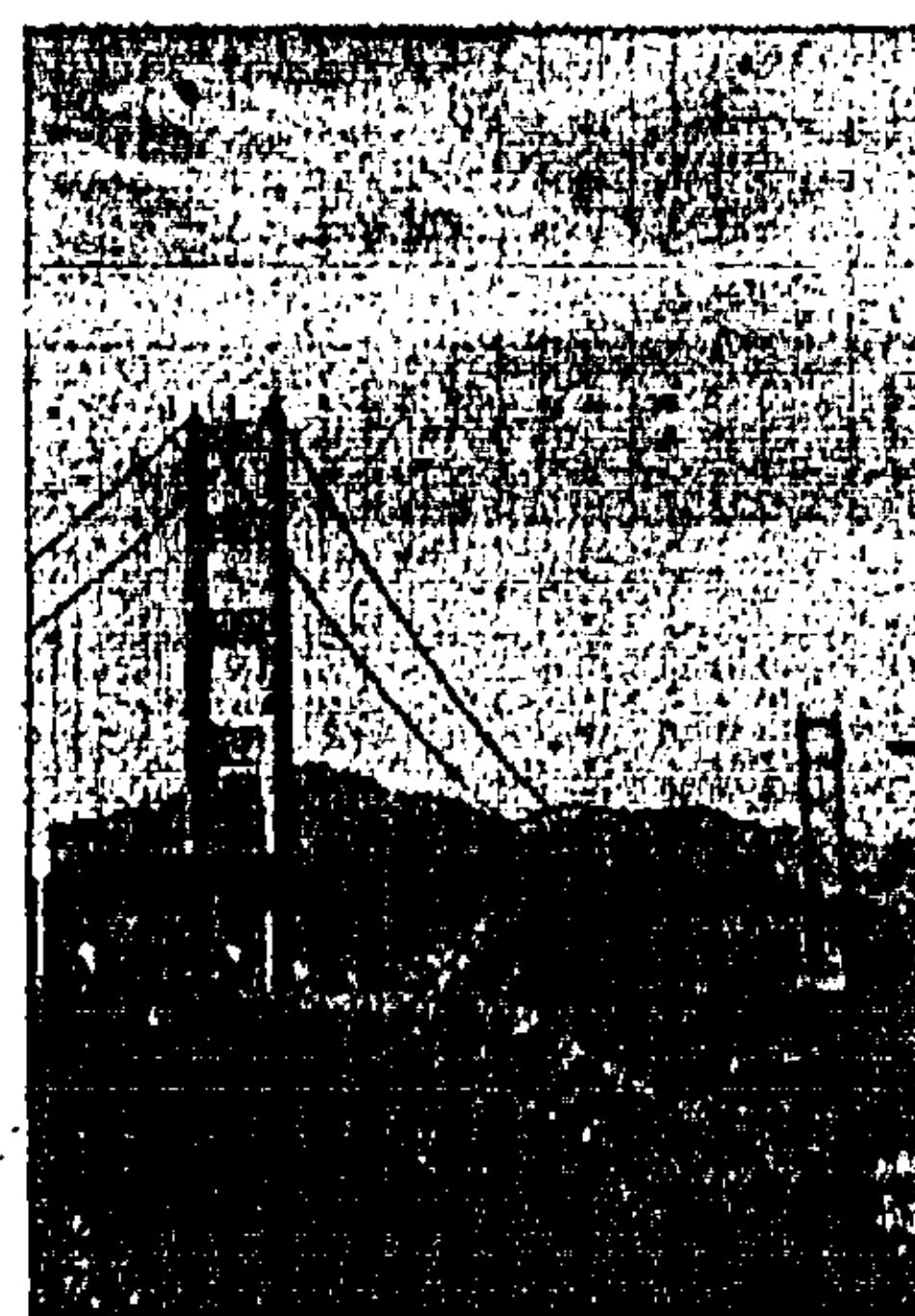
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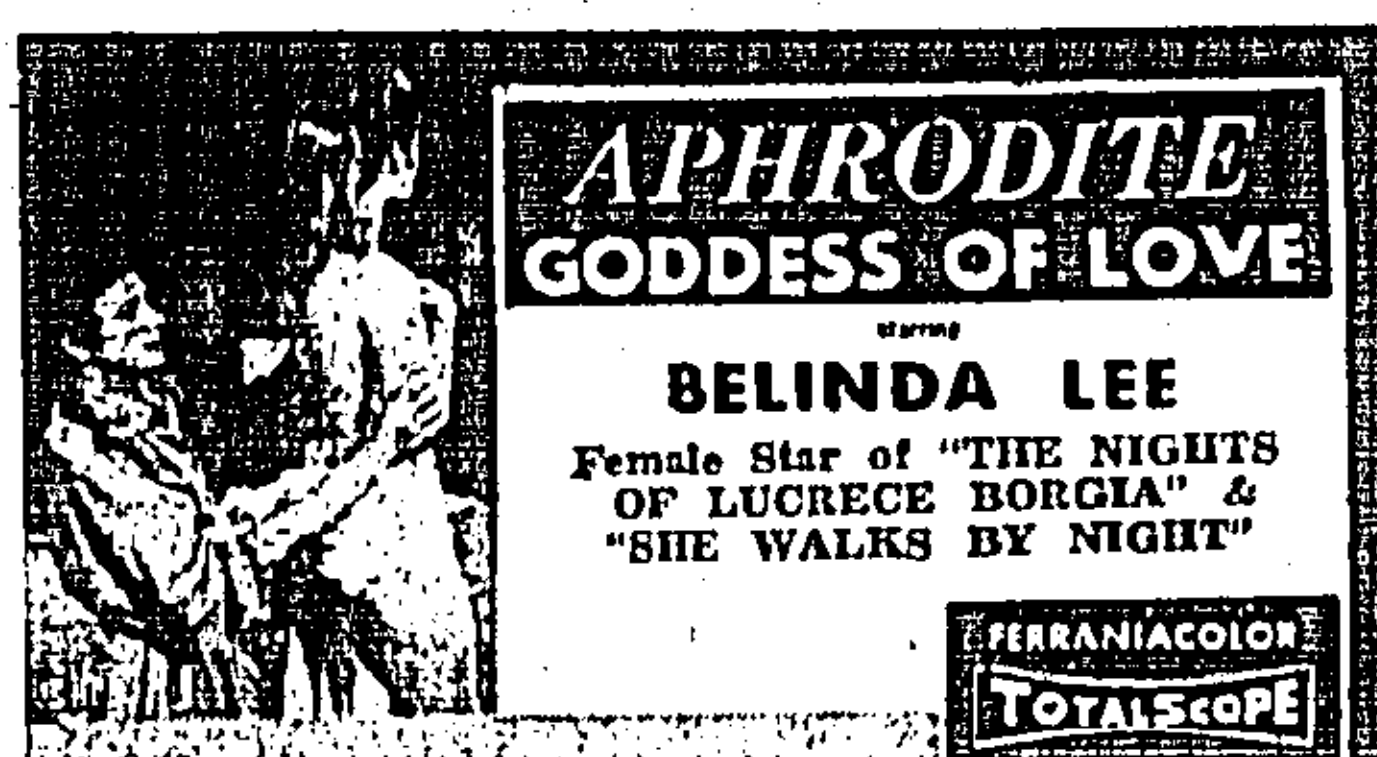
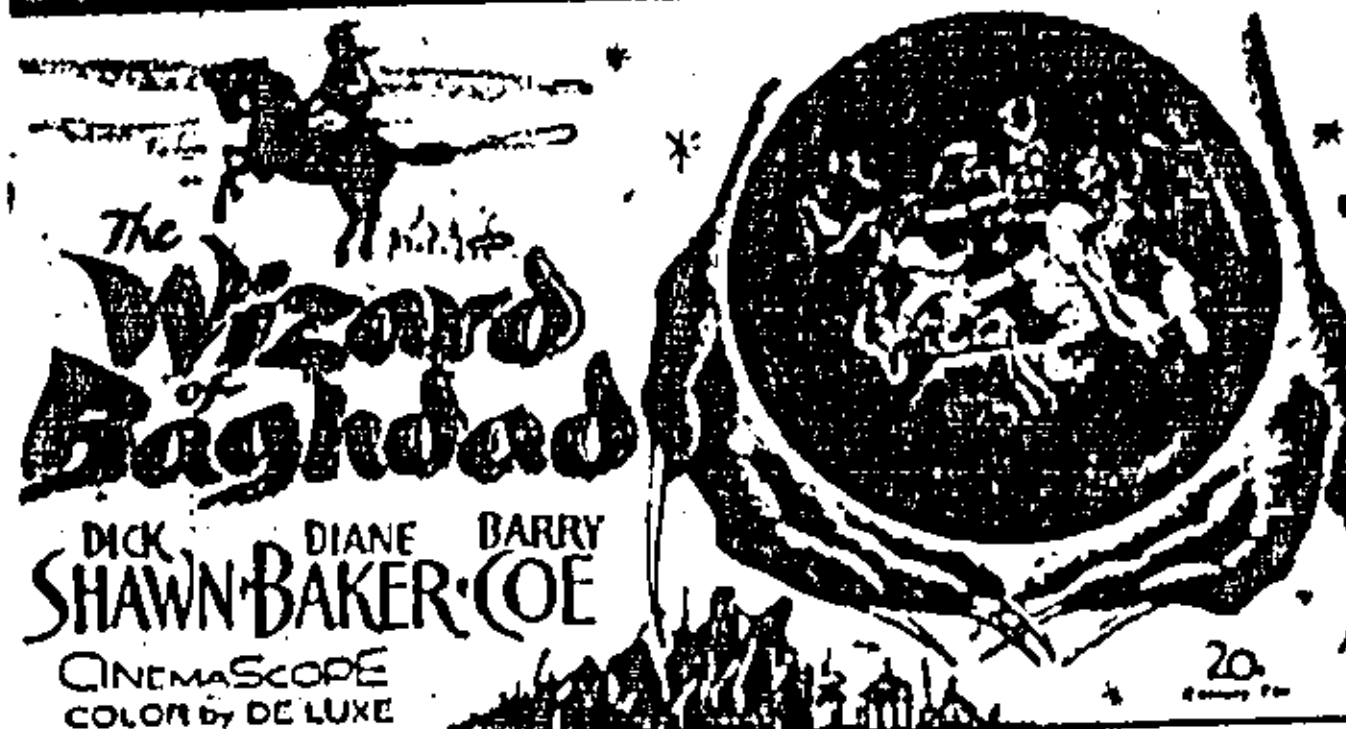
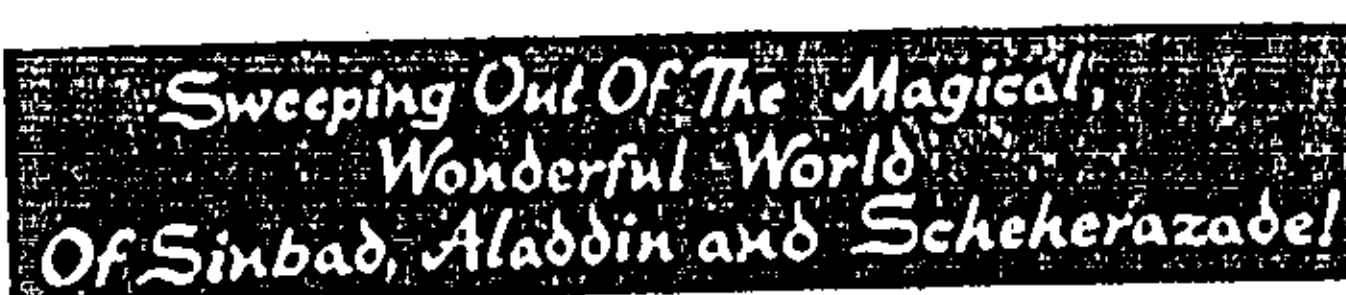
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A 26-year-old student, Ng Chi-kong, alias Ng Wan-chung, of 149, Johnston-road, third floor, was jailed for six months by Mr K. A. S. Phillips at Causeway Bay Court this morning for possession of a forged document, a forged seal and obtaining money by false pretences.

Detective-Inspector G. Martin of the Commercial Crime Branch, said that on January 20, the secretary of the Ng Chi-kong Association reported the discovery of forged lottery tickets.

A day earlier the defendant sold a \$1 lottery ticket to a man outside the S.C.A.A. football stadium.

It was learned that the Ng Chi-kong Association did not issue such tickets, nor were they holding a ball as mentioned in the tickets.

On January 26 a police party went to the defendant's premises and there they found a rubber seal, and 1,718 unsold tickets. He told police that it cost him \$18 to print the tickets and \$2.50 for the seal.

In mitigation, defence counsel, Mr Edmund Cheung of Edmund Cheung and Chan and Co, said that the defendant was in need of money to pay his school fees amounting to \$180 the next quarter.

That was why he played this foolish game, Mr Cheung added.

Distribution of rice to needy families

The distribution of more than 100,000 lbs of rice in 10-lb and 25-lb packages commenced at the North Point Kaifong Welfare Advancement Association on King's-road this morning.

Long queues of needy families waited in orderly lines under police supervision to receive food parcels which included packets of noodles. Some of the rice came from the United States through CARE and some of the food was bought from proceeds of the Fat Choy drive.

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Malcuzyński—the greatest pianist to visit Hongkong

By D. E. GRAY

For the past 20 years "Malcuzyński" has been a very familiar name to all associated with or interested in pianoforte playing. His records, particularly of Chopin, carried his fame to every musical home. A great deal was expected of him when people heard of his visit to Hongkong, and the large and appreciative audience at Keswick Hall last night were not disappointed. I would say unreservedly that he is probably the greatest pianist to ever visit Hongkong.

His programme opened with the Beethoven C Minor 32 Variations. This is not Beethoven in a profound mood, but it put artist and audience in a mood to receive the music of the first half of the Liszt B Minor Sonata. I can never feel that Liszt is a great composer. But the programme note reminded us this work is "mighty" and "massive in conception and majestic in the treatment of the thematic material", and it requires a pianist of the stature of Malcuzyński to present it adequately.

One thing, of course, marred the performance of this work, a confused squawking pedal in the piano. The pianist having completed the first 6 bars to a descent of squeaks, walked off the stage, and the audience was kept waiting for a 10-minute period during which efforts (presumably) were made to eradicate the trouble. This proved ineffective, and Malcuzyński returned and played the work right through, obviously doing his best to minimise the effect of the dreadful pedal noise.

Artists of his calibre deserve better treatment than this, when they visit Hongkong, and the responsibility for this must fall fairly and squarely on the impresario. He is presenting the concert and it is entirely up to him to give his artist a proper place to play on.

Greatest

What happened at the interval, I don't know, but the squeak was cured, and in the latter part of the programme we were treated to the greatest Chopin playing I have ever heard. Unlike many pianists who push a few Chopin numbers in at the end of a programme and treat them as lightbits, playing Chopin is a serious business to Malcuzyński. All the romanticism, fire and passion which historians tell us was the characteristic of Chopin's and Liszt's playing seems to have been passed on to this 20th Century artist. Even his personal appearance conjured up visions of Liszt, Paderewski and Chopin himself.

Things which have been regarded as "hackneyed" by many seemed to be given a new meaning and purpose in the hands of Malcuzyński. And the odds were against him all the time, for although the piano had a big tone and a lot of depth in the lower register, after a certain point in the upper middle register, there seemed to me to be a section of notes with a peculiar clanging metallic sound.

Let us hope this great artist will favour us with another visit, but let us try to give him better materials to work with on another occasion. Rumour has it that he may be returning after his stay in Japan, and that he has very generously offered to give a concert, presenting the proceeds of it as a nugget for the founding of a Department of

India has borrowed the largest amount of money from the World Bank, according to Mr C. S. Krishna Moorthi, India's delegate to the international monetary organisation today.

Mr Moorthi, who arrived from Bombay by Air-India en route to his post in Washington, DC, said India had borrowed US\$70 million from the World Bank during the last 10 years.

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A cleaning amah, who found a \$100 note on the ground and kept it, was fined \$100 by Mr T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court this morning, for larceny by finding.

The woman, Ho Yuet-kwan, 35, of room 408 of No 58 Blue Pool-road, seventh floor, pleaded guilty.

Inspector S. Y. Lam said that a police constable saw her picking up a red bank-note near the cash-win counter of the public stand at the Royal Hongkong Jockey Club on February 11.

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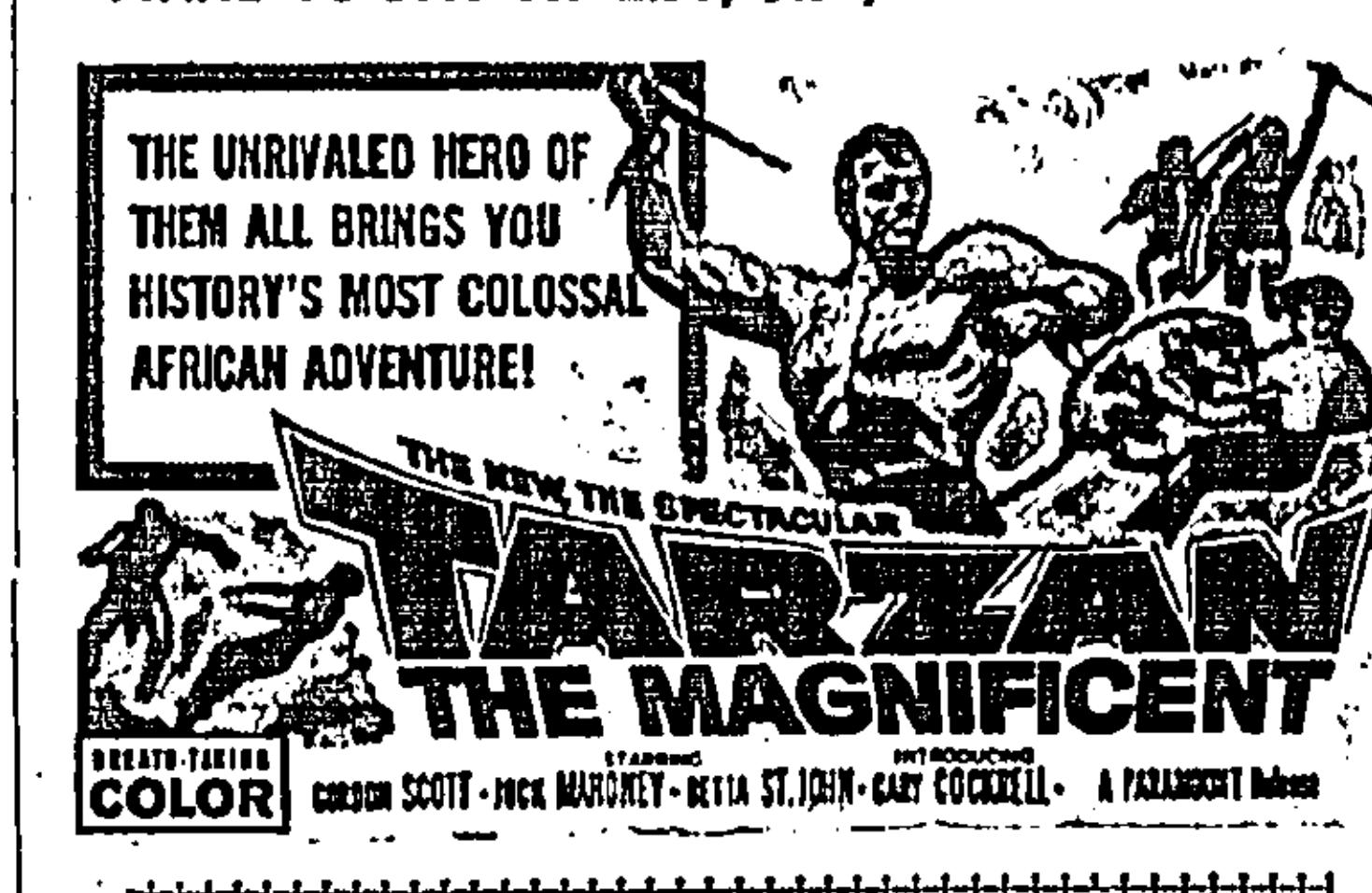
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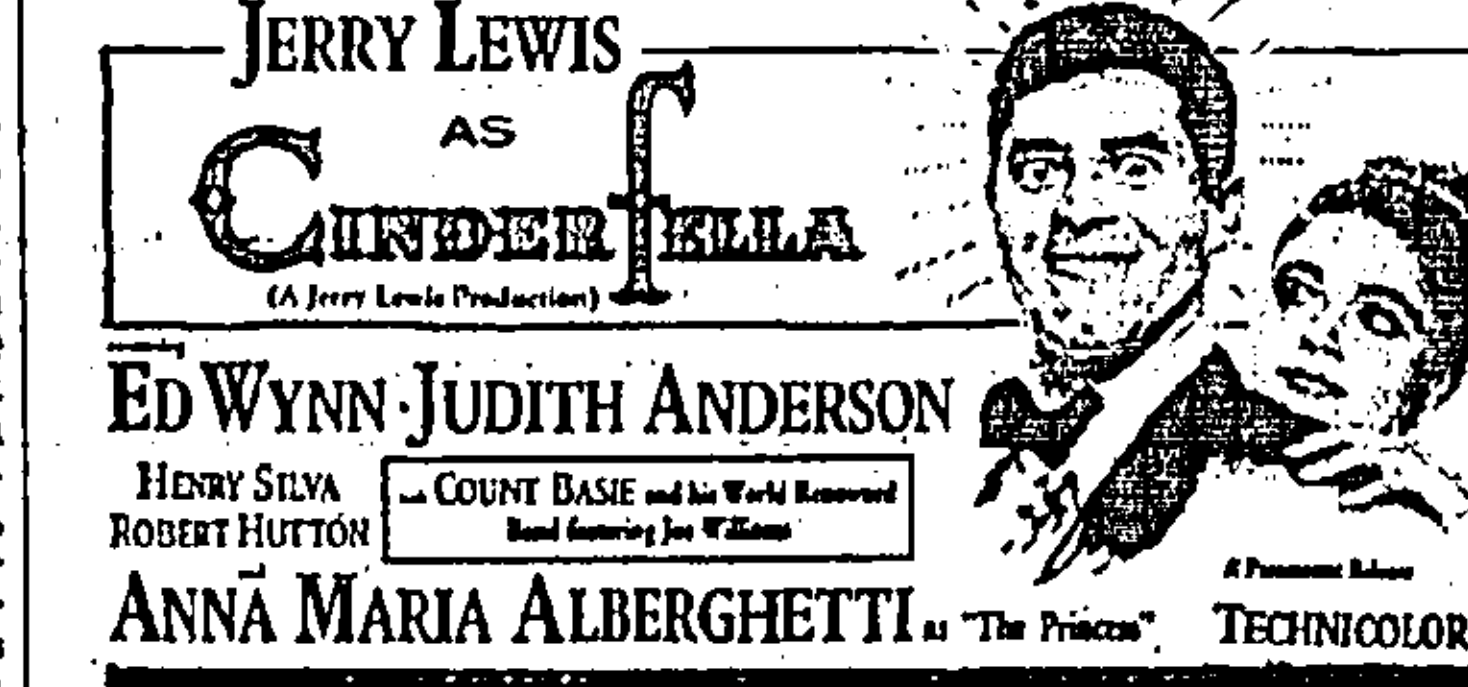
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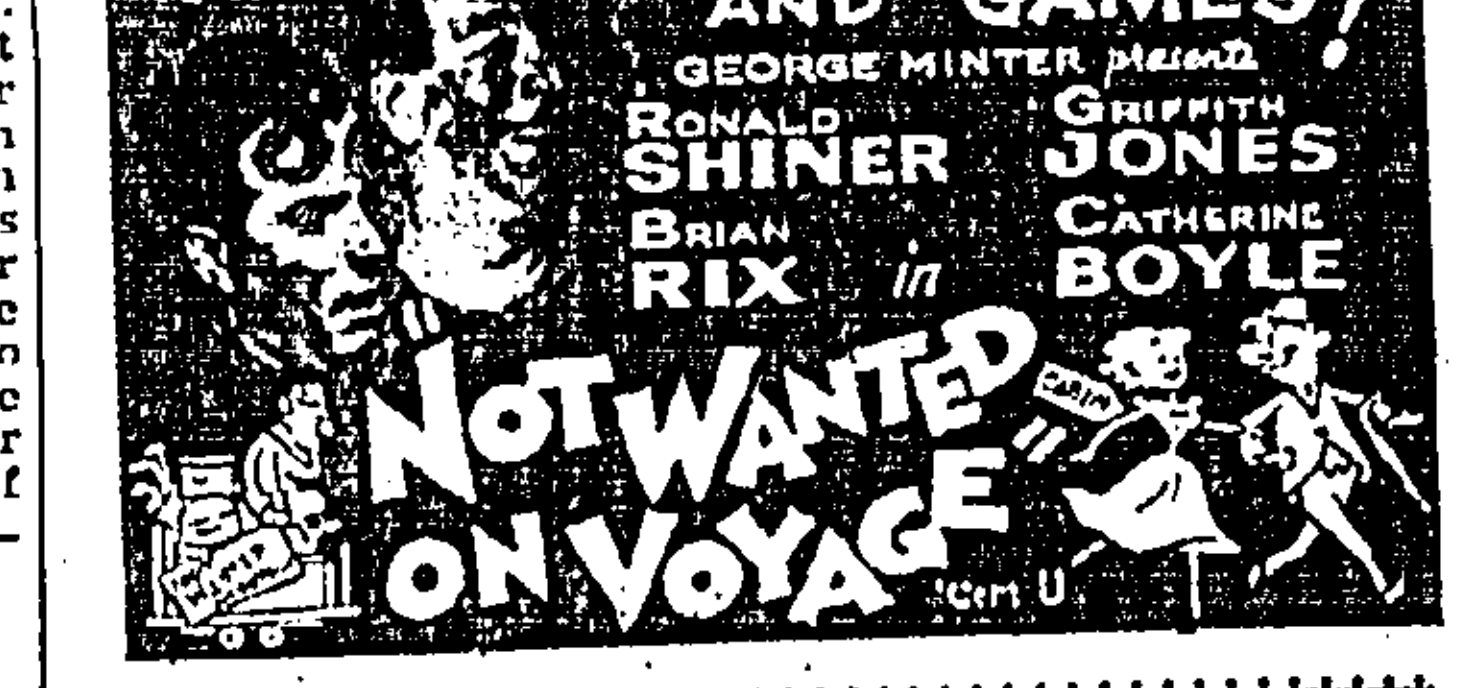
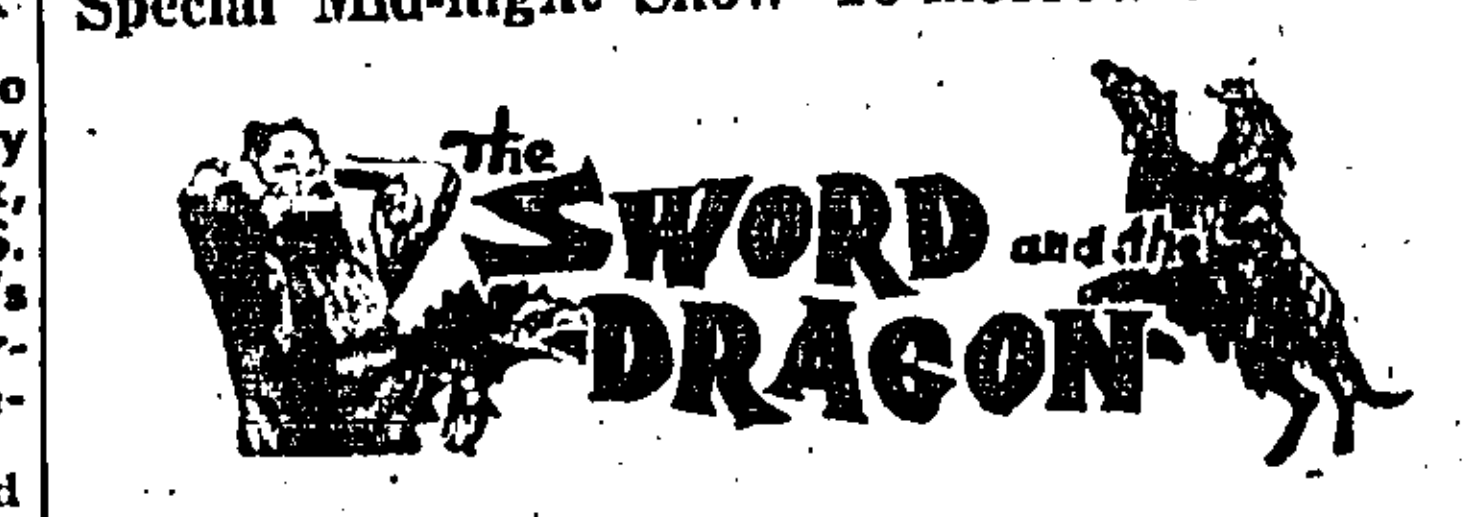


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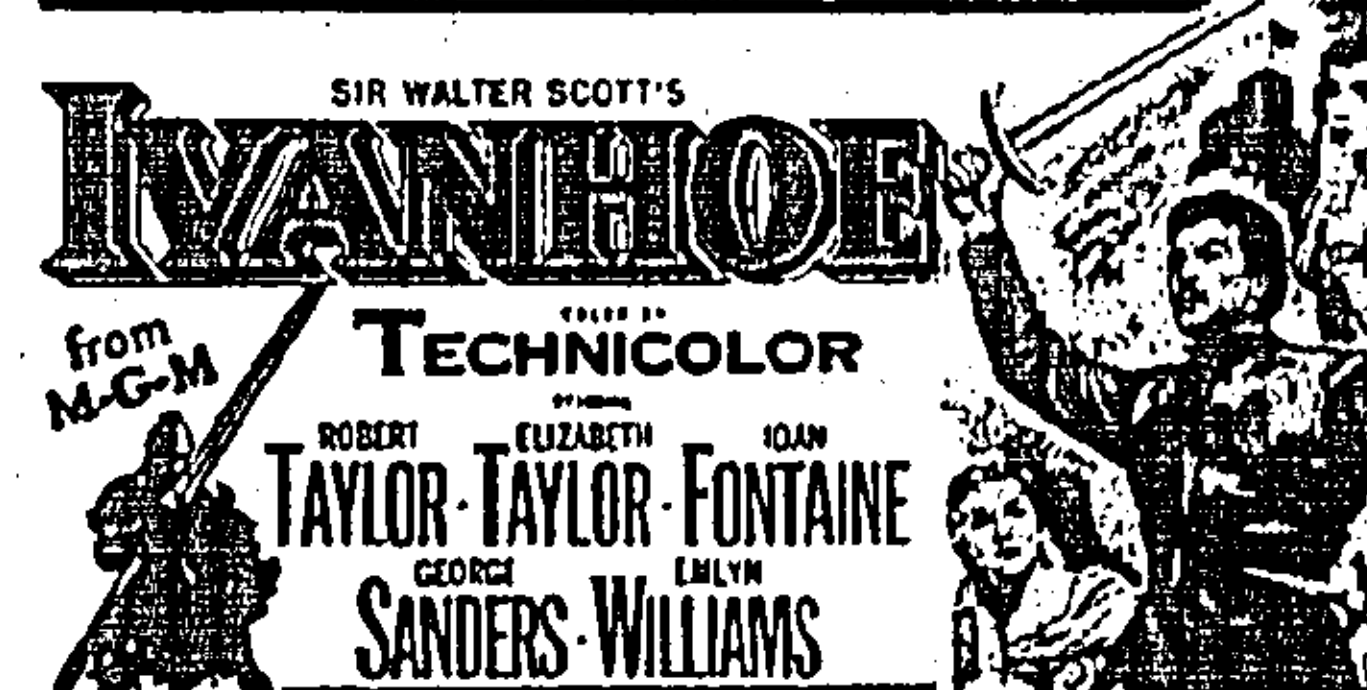
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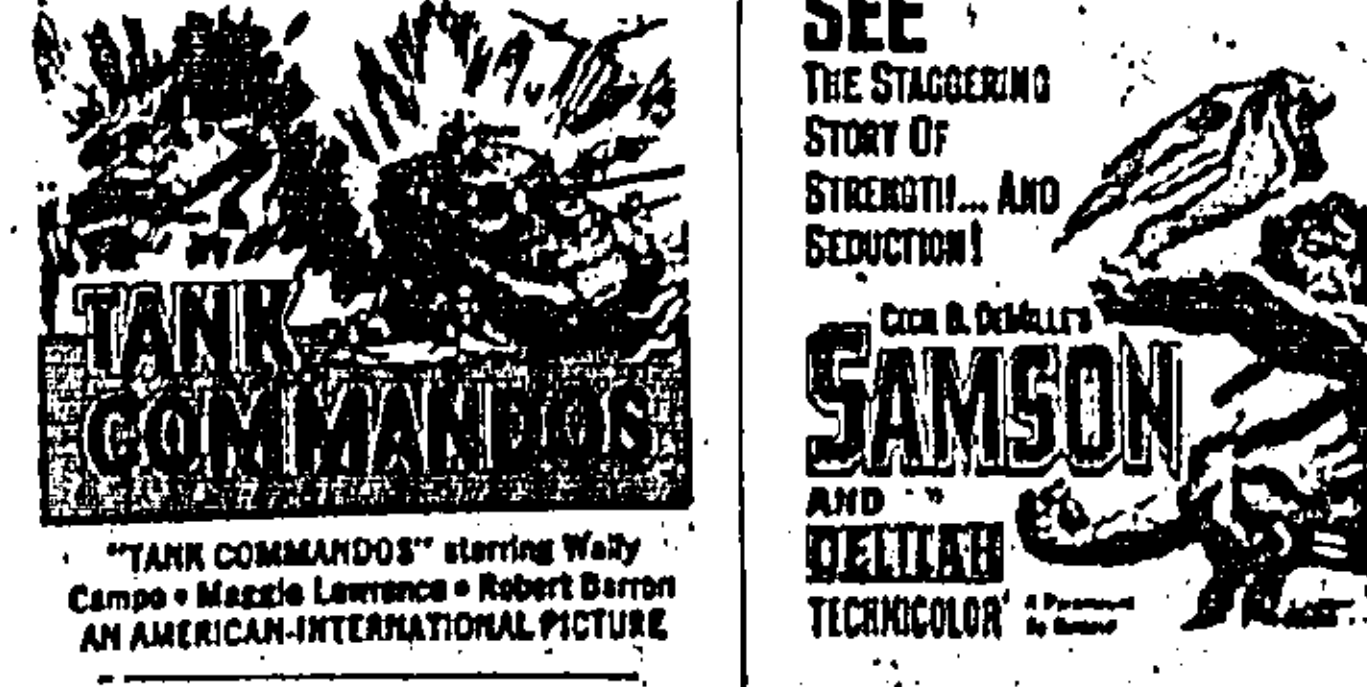
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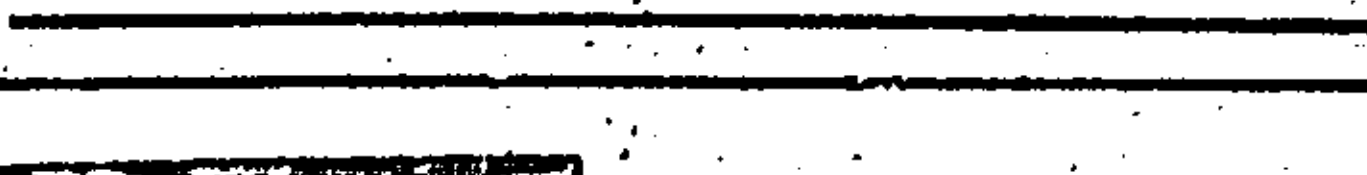
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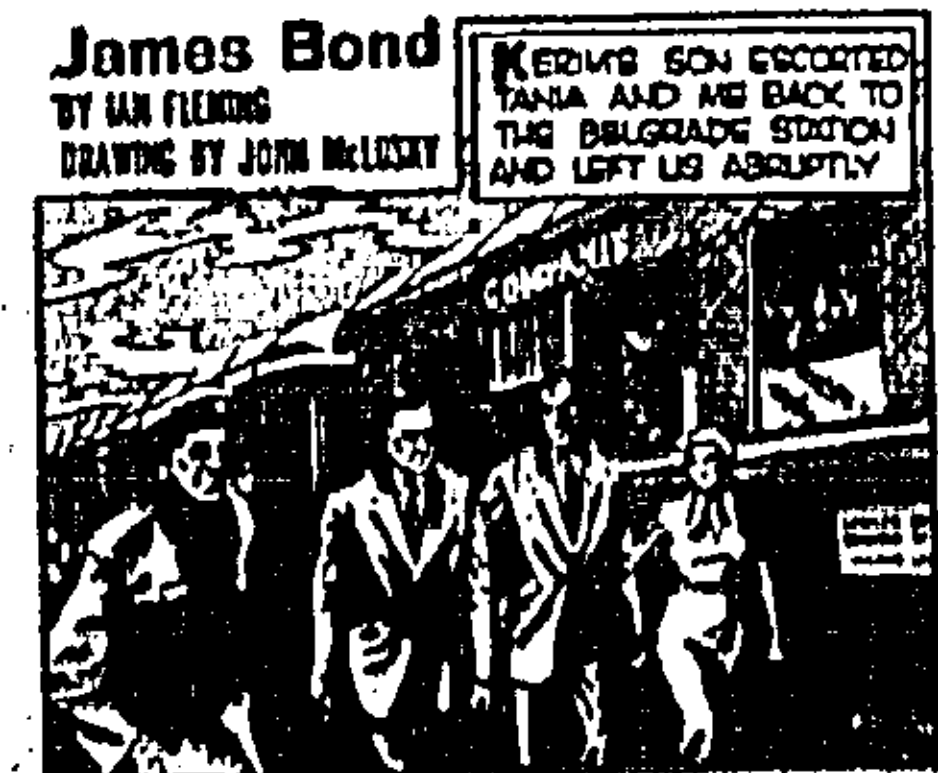
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Poets without Appointment

AT the top of 14 uncarpeted stairs in a Notting Hill mews lives Christopher Logue, poet. "Come up and have a drink," he yelled out of the window. I went up and lay down.

This was obligatory, because Logue owns one typewriter, 500 books, and almost no furniture. I lay on the bed. Logue lay on the floor. The only chair in the room was occupied by Burns Singer, a Scottish poet who chain-smoked cigarettes made out of loose tobacco, and remarked from time to time: "Do ye not find the whisky in London terrible?"

Nobody seems to care about any modern poet nowadays except John Burt Foster, who writes agreeably in praise of buttered toast and railway stations, and became a best seller almost by Appointment after Princess Margaret said she liked his verse.

But what are the other fellows up to? How do they live? I got some interesting answers from Logue and Singer, and later from an American, Theodore Roethke, who has actually made poetry pay.

Money

Christopher Logue is a dark, hairy, energetic man of 34. If he were an actor, I would type-cast him as Shakespeare's Iago.

He has published half a dozen books of poetry and achieved a wider reputation when he wrote the lyrics for the Royal Court Theatre musical "The Lily-White Boys."

"I actually made quite good money then," said Logue. "For the eight weeks the show ran I earned £85 a week. But that represented six months' work, don't forget. Average it out and you see I was really getting less than a waiter."

A current book of poetry, "Songs," has earned Logue £100. He was paid exactly that for one

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article in the American teenage magazine Mademoiselle.

Christopher Logue writes fierce, noisy poems about war, love and life. Son of a Southampton civil servant, he was brought up by Jesuits.

"I never believe in the total abolition of private property," he said.

He got up off the floor, rattled some coal into the stove, and lay down again.

A gleam of gold shone in the front teeth of Burns Singer as he lit his fifth home-made cigarette. He said: "Of course, Christopher believes that propaganda and politics are part of poetry."

"For me, it's different. It's almost like psychoanalysis. I'll do no work for weeks and then write solidly for 12 hours. I think what I'm really seeking all the time is the source of Original Sin in myself."

Logue leaped to his feet at this heresy and shouted: "Original Sin! What are you talking about?"

Logue looks like a man who would punch anybody on the nose. But then who could punch Burns Singer? A mass of gold hair frames his face, he has the air of a spiritualised Viking whom the bigger men left at home when they set out in their long-proved ships to raid England.

Flames

"Jimmy" to his friends, Burns Singer is actually the son of a Glaswegian mother and a Jewish salesman from Manchester. I count him the most inflammable poet on the English scene, because the way he showers burning tobacco strands on his floppy gold beard he is bound to go up in flames one day.

In love, he wrote:—
I cannot see
Suffer in another.
And every tear
I brush aside
I find you hidden within it
like a bride.

He wrote that for Marie, the woman he made his bride five years ago. She is a New York-born Negroess with a Harley-street practice in psychotherapy.

Dreamers only part of the time, poets show an acute interest in money, mainly because of the difficulty they have in laying their hands on it.

Most magazines pay £10 10s. for a short poem, and the rates at the B.B.C. go down to 10d. a line for longer broadcast works. Poets write reviews and do journalism to make a living.

"I'm never sloppy about money," said Christopher Logue in a raging voice. "I want a car. I want to eat out in restaurants. You know who I'd like to be? I'd like to be president of U.S. Steel!"

Burns Singer, once a fish-chasing zoologist at Aberdeen Marine Laboratory, "I want to be like to be Spyrus K. Skouras. I just fancy the glamour of working in films."

Professor

The world does not owe poets a living, but it pays more than a modest competence to Theodore Roethke (pronounced ret-key), a great shambling American poet big as a house and earning enough money to live in one in smart Belgravia during his London visit.

Dwarfing a glass of sherry with his big hand, 52-year-old Roethke told me: "My great year was 1958, when I picked up £10,000 in various prizes, including an award from the Ford Foundation."

"As a working Professor of English at the University of Washington, Seattle, I teach poetry for £4,500 a year." But the amount he gets by actually writing poetry and getting it published is only about £1,000 a year.

Journey

Roethke's best man when he married, was W. H. Auden, who sang his songs for more than sixpence as the best-known British poet of the 1930s. "But even Auden can't make a living just writing poetry," said Roethke. "I doubt if anybody does, except maybe Robert Frost."

Let's face it, poems will never be as popular as football coupons, and what America offers is just bigger subsidies.

As characters, poets range from rhyming layabouts to saintly travellers who have embarked on the greatest journey of all: the journey into the mind and spirit of man.

Gold

Christopher Logue, who is a compulsive newspaper-reader, said: "I see myself as a failure." Jimmy Singer licked a new cigarette together and said: "Ooh, no, man."

Jimmy failed to set his beard alight. He may never set the world on fire or earn much money. But Jimmy has looked deeper into the river than most of us. He is panning like a prospector, and those gleaming traces he washes out from the daily silt of words, words, words, are his own kind of gold. (London Express Service).

* "Bill and Al" by Burns Singer, Becker and Warburg.



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Thomas Wiseman's LIMELIGHT

The Spoils of Success

MR. DONLEAVY AND MR. PINTER ARE NOT EXACTLY RUSHING TO GRAB THEM

THINGS have been happening so fast in the theatre that outsiders become insiders before their tempers have had time to hot-up. The attitude of the Establishment seems to be: if you can't beat 'em, let 'em join you.

As a result of this all-embracing liberalism, John Osborne is a power in the film industry, Arnold Wesker jumps from outsider to Brains Truster in two years, and Harold Pinter and J. P. Donleavy have knocked down the walls of the West End at practically the first bash.

All these writers, in varying degrees opposed to the present organisation of society, have been winners of the Evening Standard Drama Award.

Deprived of their wanderings in the wilderness, honoured before they have been able to digest the bitter fruits of neglect, these writers face a new kind of problem.

They are accepted, flattered and feted by a society they feel they ought to despise.

They must either bite the hand that feeds them champagne and caviare and the statuette of official recognition or they must accept the consequences of becoming the new elite. It is a difficult choice. This year's winners of the Evening Standard Drama Award for writing are both in this difficult position. They are men trying to break down a door that is already wide open.

Enshrined

Pinter, at the age of 30, is recognised as the author of the best play of the year on the strength of The Care-taker, a remarkable piece of dramatic levitation, a play that floats without any visible means of support.

Donleavy, at the age of 34, is enshrined as the most promising playwright of the year on the strength of a play, Fairy Tales of New York, which will open in the West End the day after he collects his award.

It is scarcely possible to reward to follow any more quickly on achievement.

What sort of men are they?

Simple

Neither is the kind of person one might expect from his work. Pinter, whose plays are spun in a delicate web of rustling scaffolding, has the look of a go-ahead shirt salesman in the Charing Cross Road. Donleavy, whose work is bawdy, violent and usually expurgated, looks like one of the brothers Karamazov, and has a smile that illuminates his whole personality by means of some interior fluorescence.

Pinter's play is, he insists, the story of a tramp who is given charity, but does not know how to accept it. He dismisses completely the suggestion that his three characters stand for the id, the ego and the super ego, or that they stand for mankind, Christ and God.

He insists that his play is as simple as it seems to be, but adds, in the same breath, that nothing is so complex as simplicity. He is revealing about his methods of writing, he says, "when they begin to live, just take over. All I have to do is to follow them. They lead me. I never know where they are going to go. I just follow them because they are a bloody sight more important than I am, and they always change out of all recognition from my original conception of them."

Bombarded

"Of course I control them, I have the last word, but I let them have a very long piece of rope."

His insistence that his characters have no symbolic meaning springs from a deeply ingrained loathing for symbols, messages, pat interpretations and capulated truths.

"From when I was very young," he says, "people have been trying to convert me to their point of view. At no previous time have people been so much interested in me."

He rejects them all—whether they are subversive, subliminal or sublime. He asserts: "I don't believe in God. I don't believe in solutions. I don't believe in all that jazz about forward to the next horizon. I don't believe in Socialism or rationalism or psychology or Freud. I don't believe in any of the

stuff that is pumped out from the pulpit, from the Press, from the stage, from radio, TV and advertising."

For Pinter, life is not the answer to a question, but the question itself.

Passing salt

Donleavy does not even recognise the existence of questions. He shrugs off the H-bomb as something that does not concern him. He considers it presumptuous for mankind to make such a fuss about whether it will continue to exist or not.

It does not matter, except to mankind, and if mankind is wiped out it will not be around to care.

"I do not believe in morality," he says quietly, gently, "only in manners. I don't think it's very important whether we are all blown up by the H-bomb. But I do think it is important to pass the salt when somebody asks you to."

He lists his principal relaxations as walking, good wine, good food, writing and sex. He claims proudly that he has never worked in his life, by which he means that he has never done anything other than write or paint.

Isolated

He has been married for 14 years, has lived the past 10 in Fulham, and now has a house in the Isle of Man.

He is a man who enjoys being alone.

"I write from 11 to two each day," he says. "After lunch I go for walks until the evening. I hardly ever talk to anyone. Talk doesn't achieve anything. I have lived a completely isolated life for the last 10 years. I have my wife and my children but I hardly ever see anyone else. Being a writer is necessarily a solitary occupation."

He is very conscious of the intensive nature of success, that it can deprive a writer of his precious loneliness.

"But these are dangers," he says, "that don't befall someone like me. Success and money arouse in me no overwhelming gratitude, no special excitement."

"I am indifferent to the material or egotistical benefits of success. They mean nothing to me."

"Fame can be most destructive of talent. You can't write from the point of view that you are a great author worshipped by millions. It is much more helpful to the writer to be insulted occasionally."

"Success seems to destroy most American writers—they become professional successes."

In the past, when people have intruded upon his privacy at a pub, the outcome has been a fight in which the intruders are laid flat.

"I am much stronger than I look," he confesses, "and in my student days I used to get into a lot of fights. My beard and my retiring manner seem to arouse a certain violence in people. I always try to avoid it but the trouble is that the person who wins is regarded as the guilty party I tend to win."

Donleavy, who could initially not get his novel, The Ginger Man published except as a photographic book in Paris, and Pinter, whose plays mystify more people than they enlighten, are both men who are having success thrust upon them.

They have been forced into a kind of shotgun wedding with fame, and it is understandable that they should view such a union with misgivings.

(London Express Service).



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Playwright Donleavy visits a rehearsal of his prize-winning play Fairy Tales of New York and talks to actress Susan Hampshire.

TALKING POINTS

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Army, Nav Bharat, Recreio and KCC in Hockey Cup semi-finals

KCC-ARMY FINAL NOW A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY

Decisive results were reached in all the quarter-finals of the Holland Cup yesterday. Kowloon Cricket Club 'A' narrowly defeated Macaensis 'A' 2-1 and Nav Bharat 'A' beat Royal Air Force 3-2, the winning goal being scored in the extra-time allowed for a penalty-bully. Army 'A' beat Recreio 'B' 3-0 and Recreio 'A' reversed the procedure by beating Army 'B' by the same score.

My original forecast was that KCC 'A' and Army 'A' would meet in the final and this is now a distinct possibility, the semi-finals being KCC 'A' vs Nav Bharat 'A' and Army 'A' vs Recreio 'A'.

Macaensis 'A' vs KCC 'A'

This match at King's Park was won and lost on corners.

Last week against Recreio 'A', Macaensis gave a demonstration of just how corners should be taken, but this week it was KCC who took advantage of them with two goals from Nery while Macaensis never looked like doing the same. KCC only had five short corners throughout the match while Macaensis flittered away ten. They should have made sure of the match in the first half when they were almost constantly on the attack.

Soares in fine form

Soares in the KCC goal had a great game. His anticipation was excellent and one shot that he palmed over the bar in the second half would have done credit to a soccer goalkeeper.

He was well backed up by the rest of his defence among whom it is difficult to single out any player. But Simoes, substituting at left-half for Rosa kept a close watch on J. Capitule, Rowan and Landells tried hard in the forward line but the rest were never really in the game.

Macaensis as usual were very steady in defence and left-back A. Capitule was frequently far upfield in support of the forwards but he was mainly to blame for their wasted corners, missing the ball completely on several occasions. The forward line failed to show their customary speed in attack but this was largely due to their being in the grip of KCC's wing-hulves.

From the bully Macaensis were first into the attack. Through J. Capitule but when he centred to Ribas, Soares was well out to clear. Play switched to the other end where KCC were awarded a short-corner in the third minute. Rowan and Landells tried to hand-stop and Nery to bang the ball home and give KCC an early lead.

Two minutes later KCC's goalkeeper Soares conceded a short-corner by obstructing J. Capitule but when J. Capitule sent it to A. Capitule, he missed the ball completely and set the pattern for the short-corners to come.

Macaensis now took a grip on the game and in the 12th minute Sa'Silva passed to L. Sequeira in the circle but Soares was out to block the shot and Sa'Silva, regaining possession, shot past.

Penalty-bully

In the next three minutes Macaensis had two short and two long corners which were all of the usual J. Capitule to A. Capitule pattern but his stopping and shooting were well below standard.

Macaensis maintained the pressure and in the 17th minute were awarded a penalty-bully when Soares infringed. Valoma opposed Soares and Soares saved his lines by clearing out of the circle. Valoma made a very pleasant gesture by congratulating Soares.

Still Macaensis attacked and had three more short-corners but each time A. Capitule failed to accept the chance. It did not seem possible that the KCC goal could remain intact but Soares was on top of his form and held Macaensis out until the 27th minute.

Then Valoma sent Ribas away and he in turn passed on to Sa'Silva who cut in and shot hard. Chamberlain's stick deflected the shot and I doubt if Soares even saw it so flying into the back of the net.

KCC now came more into the game. Tail sent Dhaer away and A. Capitule was forced to put behind for a corner, but Chamberlain muffed the hand-stop.

They came back again but Careyford pushed the ball too far ahead and it rolled harmlessly behind. So half-time came with the scores level after Macaensis had had almost all the play.

Macaensis continued pressing in the second half and in the

first minute Ribas went through but Soares was there to save at the expense of a corner which was cleared safely and KCC mounted an attack.

Saved twice

Coffey sent Dhaer away but his centre was put behind for a corner. From this Zoe Sequeira conceded another from Landells' shot, which was followed by a short-corner but goalkeeper Zoe Sequeira saved twice from Nery and Rowan.

KCC were certainly having the better of the exchanges at this stage but Macaensis came back and Ribas went through. Again Soares was out to block the shot but in attempting to clear Simoes kicked and conceded a short-corner.

This time A. Capitule did not let his shot in but it was well blocked by Coffey and cleared by Tail.

In the 50th minute KCC took the lead once again. Rowan sent Careyford away and Silva conceded a free-hit on the edge of the circle. In the ensuing melee a short-corner was awarded and once again Nery made no mistake with a hard shot from Chamberlain's hand-stop.

Five minutes later KCC were awarded another short-corner but this time Nery shot past.

Macaensis now went flat out for an equaliser and came very close in the 57th minute but again it was Soares who saved the day, palming Ribas' high shot over the bar and from the corner A. Capitule shot high and wide.

One-way traffic

It was now one-way traffic towards the KCC goal and they had another four corners in as many minutes but could not find a way through. During the last few minutes the ball hardly left KCC's half and the excitement was intense. Macaensis' left-half G. Silva received a caution from umpire Xavier after getting a little wild but this was about the only incident in the whole match.

The final whistle came with the score still standing at 2-1 to give KCC 'A' the right to play Nav Bharat 'A' in the semi-final. It was well worth watching their chances and Macaensis muffed theirs and after all, its goals that count.

Macaensis 'A': Zoe Sequeira, L. Silva, A. Capitule, Valoma, G. Silva, J. Capitule, Cunha, Ribas, L. Sequeira, Sa'Silva.

KCC 'A': Soares, Chamberlain, Nery, Tail, Coffey, Simoes, Dhaer, Landells, Sloan, Rowan, Careyford.

RAF vs Nav Bharat 'A'

Second Division RAF went very close to providing an upset in this encounter with First Division Nav Bharat 'A'.

In the opening stages they played some of the best hockey I have seen this season with their whole forward line moving with clockwork precision. Stevenson on their right wing was much too fast for Yakub Khan and had a great game. However, they fell away in the second half but even then Nav Bharat could not score the winning goal until the extra time allowed for the taking of a penalty-bully.

Marching orders

Unfortunately RAF's left-winger Balcombe rather lost his head and received marching orders from umpire Xavier five minutes before the close.

Gardner was very closely watched by the RAF in the first half but allowed too much scope after the interval when he made several chances only to see his forwards waste them. From the start it was the RAF on the attack with excellent forward movements and in the second minute Isher was forced to concede a corner from Stevenson's shot. Again they attacked through Ryan but G. Pannu was there to tackle and clear and send Gardner away but he went too far and put behind.

Nav Bharat attacked again and forced a short-corner but Fisher saved well from Khan's shot.

In the 13th minute RAF took the lead. Hanley took the ball upfield and centred for left-winger Balcombe to cut in and push the ball past Isher and at

this stage they deserved their lead.

At the other end Gardner went through and pulled a lovely ball to the back of the circle but his forwards had gone in too far and a chance was wasted.

The RAF continued to play fast open hockey and Hanley and Ryan combined well to give Stevenson a shot but he sent it across the face of the goal and behind.

Then in the 20th minute Nav Bharat equalised. Gardner intercepted a clearance and sent the ball through where one of the RAF's defences conceded a short-corner and from Dillion's hand-stop Yakub Khan sent his shot screaming into the net.

There was no further score before half-time and on the resumption it was Nav Bharat first into the attack. In this Ibrahim was obstructed and from the resultant short-corner Nash blocked Khan's shot but Ibrahim followed up and a penalty-bully was awarded against Sizer. He was opposed by Felton but cleared the circle.

At the other end, G. Pannu kicked a Ryan shot but the short-corner was safely cleared.

Perfect pass

Play continued with end to end exchanges but the RAF's precision forward movements of the first half were missing. However, they took the lead again in the 57th minute. Nash sent Stevenson away and his centre was put behind by Isher for a corner. Stevenson sent the ball to Ryan whose shot was kicked off the line by G. Pannu and Ryan won the penalty-bully.

Five minutes later Nav Bharat were once more on level terms. From a free-hit just outside the circle Gardner sent through a perfect ball for Ibrahim to cut in and flick past Fisher.

The RAF tried hard to regain the lead and Ryan was blantly obstructed twice when going through but retained possession and was given the advantage and went on to force a short-corner but from this Patrick shot past.

Again Ryan went through but although he appeared to be obstructed again a free-hit was given against him. Then in the 65th minute the RAF's Balcombe lost his head in a tackle on Chin and was immediately suspended from play by umpire Xavier.

The end of 70 minutes' play came and then in the extra-time allowed for the two penalty-bulles Nav Bharat snatched the decider. Singh, Gardner and Chin all combined well to take the ball upfield. Chin's final pass going across for Singh to crack the ball home.

Shortly after this the final whistle came with Nav Bharat the winners by 3-2. I think the RAF just about deserved a replay but considering this was their first encounter with a First Division side they acquitted themselves well.

The Teams: Hutton, Thirbeck, Nash, Beale, Stevenson, Hanley, Ryan, Patrick, Balcombe.

Nav Bharat 'A': Isher, Dillion, Khan, Gill, G. Pannu, Felton, Chin, M. Singh, Ibrahim, Gardner, J. Pannu.

Army 'B' vs Recreio 'A'

At Soekunpoo, Recreio 'A' met their second Army team of the competition, having beaten Army 'C' the second round after a replay. This time they made no mistake and defeated Army 'B' 3-0 to go through to the semi-finals when they will meet Army 'A'.

Recreio were pretty well on top throughout and might easily have scored several more in the second half.

Army 'B' were without their usual skipper and right-half Leach and had to bring in a last-minute substitute on the left wing.

The game opened fairly evenly but Recreio gradually took a grip on the game and opened their score in the 17th minute.

From a short-corner Collico passed to Castro who flicked on to L. Gutierrez and his shot was flicked off the line by left-back Norman. Umpire Crebas pointed to the spot and Silva opposed

Norman and scored. Five minutes later they increased their lead through L. Gutierrez after a good run up the right wing by Alouco.

There was no further scoring in the first half and Recreio continued to hold the upper hand after the interval.

They were awarded another penalty-bully in the 41st minute but this time Silva infringed and lost.

In spite of having numerous shots at goal they only added one more goal Castro netting from Collico's corner in the 45th minute. After this Recreio appeared to ease up and ran out comfortable winners by 3-0.

Recreio 'B' vs Army 'A'

Over at Recreio, Army 'A' avenged their 'B' side's defeat by beating Recreio 'B' 3-0.

This was a much closer contest than the one at Soekunpoo and not as easy a win for Army 'A' as the score suggests.

Recreio 'B' never gave up but found Army's full-backs Pettyfer and Oliphant just a little too strong for them.

Army 'A' scored once in the first half through Hanley in the 10th minute, and their two second half goals came from Narbu Lama (50th minute) and Frasher (65th minute).

Results

Results of hockey matches played during the weekend were:

HOLLAND CUP	
Quarter-finals	
Macaensis 'A'	1 KCC 'A'
Recreio 'B'	0 Army 'A'
RAF	2 Navy Bharat
Army 'B'	0 Recreio 'A'

MEN'S LEAGUE	
Second Division	
Lions	1 HKFC 'B'
Macaensis 'C'	0 Navy Bharat 'B'
Prisons	7 Demons

Section	
Dutch HC	1 HKFC 'A'
Nav Bharat 'C'	2 IRC 'B'
LADIES' LEAGUE	
KCC	2 Grenville 'B'
St. Georges	vs Victoriana (postponed).

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Was the guard right in locking up the monk?

A strange anomaly of the law had led to a 79-year-old Buddhist monk suing a guard of the University of Hongkong for wrongful imprisonment and assault, a solicitor told the Victoria District Court today.

Mr T. J. Gregory said that the guard would have been justified in ejecting him from the university grounds, but he had respected his age and his cloth and thought that the best method was to take him to the canteen to wait for police.

Mr Gregory was representing the monk, Wong Pak-ching, with a long moustache and shaven head, clutching prayer beads as he conducted his own case before Judge R. H. Mills-Owens.

UMBRELLA

He wore a grey monk's habit and carried a black umbrella with him to the counsel table.

Wong is claiming \$500 damages and costs from the guard, whom he claimed assaulted him and detained him in the university canteen for two hours.

Mr Gregory agreed with Judge Mills-Owens that there was no ordinance against trespassing in Hongkong.

But he submitted that the University was only open to the public for a limited purpose, and anyone on the grounds for any

other purpose was liable to be ejected.

The man has said he was on his way to a monastery through the university grounds.

Mr Gregory said that if the monk succeeded in his claim for wrongful imprisonment, it might lead to certain other consequences.

"The Council of the University might order its guards to eject people like this," he said.

"When you are dealing with old people, physical ejection might be very dangerous."

Mr Gregory also quoted authorities on the subject of what constitutes arrest.

He said arrest consisted of the actual seizure or touching of a person's body with a view to detention, and not the mere pronouncing of words of arrest.

The plaintiff had claimed that he was actually seized, but the guard said he merely put his arm out to stop him.

Mr Gregory said the owner of a property had the right to eject a trespasser, provided he used no more force than was necessary.

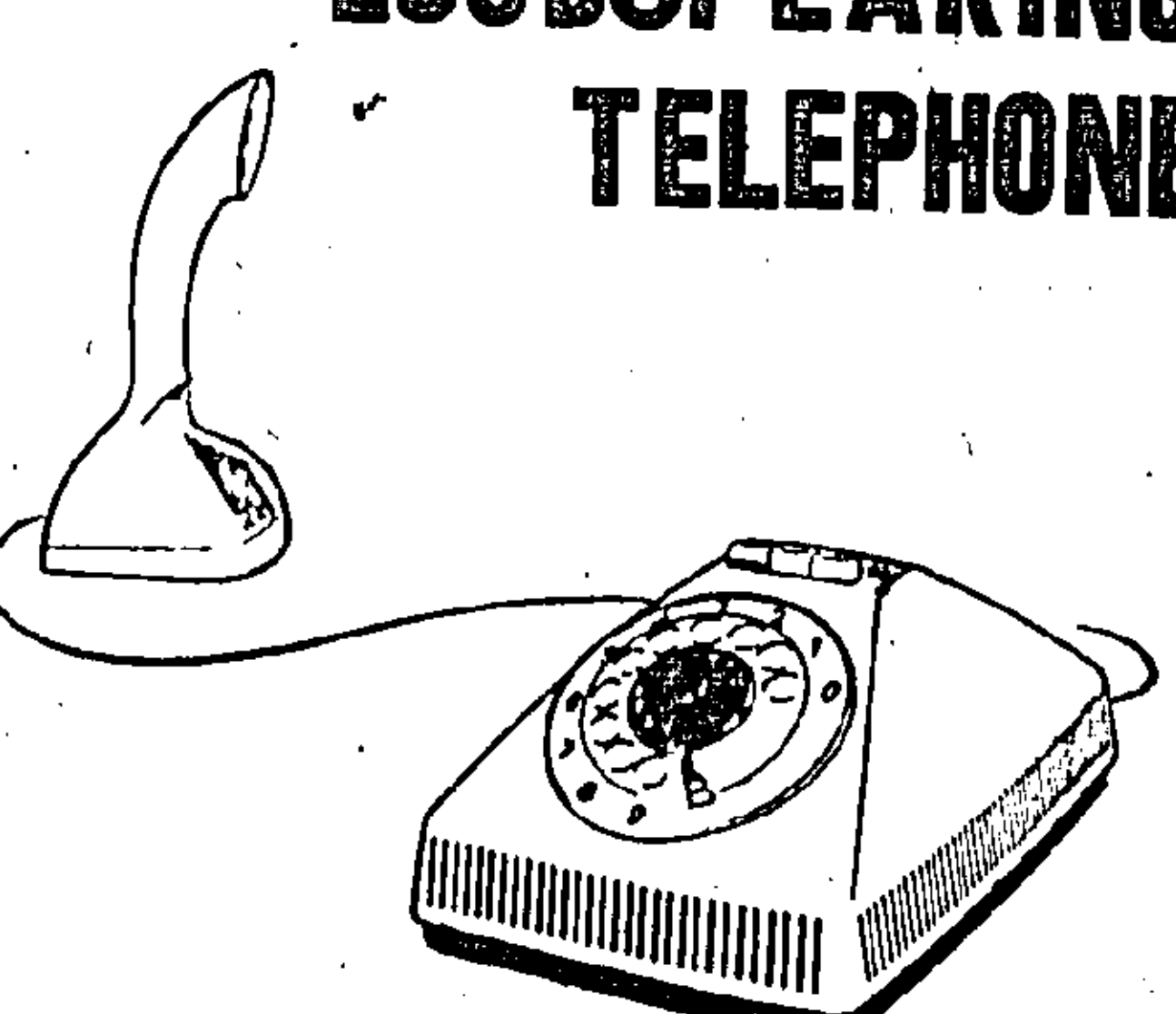
Judge Mills-Owens reserved judgement until this afternoon.

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NEED FOR PERMANENT EXHIBITION CENTRE STRESSED New CMA building plan before tribunal

Plans to replace the present 40-year-old building at 64/5 Connaught-road Central housing the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hongkong were brought before a Tenancy Tribunal this morning.

Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by C. Y. Kwan and Co. represented the applicants, the C.M.A. Their Secretary, Mr C. S. Chu, told the Tribunal that the present premises were completely inadequate for present needs.

"Since 1954," said Mr Chu, "our membership has increased by about 500. Industry of various kinds has expanded and we need a permanent hall in which to hold exhibitions."

Temporary

"The annual exhibition held at various places in the Colony only provides a temporary showplace for Hongkong's goods; we must have a permanent one."

The new building will cost \$893,824 and will be 12 storeys with a mezzanine floor. There would be two staircases and two lifts. The CMA would occupy the ground, mezzanine and seventh to eleventh floors and the first to sixth floors would be designed for offices. The architect is Mr Seto Yu.

Five opposing tenants are represented by Mr A. Zimmern, instructed by Mr G. S. Ford of Ford, Kwan and Co; Mr A. Lui, of Lo and Lo and Mr P. T. Yu, of F. Zimmern and Co.

Mr B. V. Rhodes is President of the Tribunal, assisted by Mr Robert R. Coombs and Mr P. T. Hsu.



TWO NEW KINDS OF TELEPHONE FOR HONGKONG

Two new types of telephone, more automatic and convenient than before, are now available to the Hongkong public.

They are the Ericovox loud-speaking telephone and an intercom-exchange combination system.

Agreement was reached recently between the Hongkong Telephone Co. Ltd and the Swedish Trading Co. Ltd in connection with the supply of the new instruments to the public.

Desk model

The Ericovox loud-speaking telephone is a light grey desk model which at the press of a button enables several people to hear and talk as if they were sitting face to face.

But the moment one lifts the standard telephone receiver which is connected to the Ericovox phone, automatically the Ericovox goes out of function and the speaker can talk into the receiver as in an ordinary telephone.

The combination system serves the dual purpose of an intercom and an exchange. The system does away with the service of an operator.

A complete set of the system consists of five individual telephones each of which is equipped with five buttons at the touch of which one can talk internally or externally and incoming calls can be transferred by any of the five to any other in the system without the help of an operator.

Installation

The Telephone Co. will be responsible for installation and maintenance but will rent only the combination systems to subscribers.

Subscribers wishing to have Ericovox installed at their premises have to buy directly from the Swedish Trading Co. Ltd. The Telephone Company does not carry stock for subscribers.

Both types of instruments are products of the LM Ericsson Telephone Co. in Stockholm, Sweden. The Swedish Trading Co. Ltd are their agents in Hongkong.

Sets of the intercom-exchange combination systems are arriving from Swedish soon.

NOW, COLOUR NEWSREELS FOR COLONY

A new type of newsreel, made in colour, has arrived in the Colony and will be screened at the State and Royal theatres from tomorrow.

This newsreel covers the first half of the Queen's visit to India, and shows India's Independence Day celebrations.

Newsreel in colour are yet another attempt by British film industry to offset the competition of the Television screen.

Letters from you to the editor Study Group's views repudiated

dear sir

The local press carried today a news report on the recommendations on local self-government by a United Nations Association of Hongkong Study Group.

I quote below the contents of a letter which I wrote on February 4 to the Chairman of the United Nations Association of Hongkong:

"I refer to the circular on February 1, 1961 to which was attached a copy of the report of the United Nations Association Local Self-Government Study Group."

"My views on constitutional reform are contained in the Civic Association - Reform Club Coalition Agreement which appeared in the local press on the morning of January 31, 1961."

"Hongkong's international reputation today is due in large measure to our political stability and economic growth, and I consider the recommendation of the Study

Group Report to be too radical, I therefore regret to say that I cannot support the recommendations."

The recommendations of the Study Group have not been approved or adopted by the United Nations Association Executive Board, or the United Nations Association Council of Representatives, which is the governing body of the Association.

The views expressed in the recommendations and report are therefore strictly those of the Study Group, and not of the United Nations Association of Hongkong.

HILTON CHEONG-LEEN
Vice Chairman
United Nations Association of H.K.

dear sir

Hectic traffic

The suggestions you have offered in your editorial of February 9 to solve the Hongkong traffic problem are not very good, I'm afraid, on account of their serious side-effects:

- ★ drastic measures such as advocated by you seldom serve to endear law enforcers to the hearts of the crying public, when no effort must be spared to improve their relations,
- ★ the suspension and confiscation of licences deprive the Government of much needed revenue,
- ★ the despatch of delinquents to cooling ponds costs money and wastes the valuable time of Government servants.

The solution to the problem lies in the recognition that it is not caused by irresponsible motorists but by ragged individuals who choose to assert their individuality by acting like the pedestrians whom you wish to cool down a little and the motorists whose licences must be confiscated.

These individuals, whose passion is too fierce to be fetters bound, should not be punished for such a commendable pursuit.

Indeed they should be allowed to carry on. But for a fee.

The commission of such traffic offences should no longer be regarded as a crime but a privilege for the exercise of which a fee will be collected on the spot and as many times a day as may be required to satisfy the most lasting urges.

- ★ Such an approach to the problem will prove most beneficial around:
- ★ Owners of the law will no longer be looked upon as a stolid persecutors and spoilers, but as understanding defenders of the rights of the individual.
- ★ The revenue of the Government will not suffer. As a matter of fact it will show an increase for a short while.
- ★ Cooling ponds will remain the preserve of real criminals and our Government servants will direct their efforts to some more productive activity.

HENRI J. BALLERAND

Airline sales chief report on tourist facilities

HK PRICES

'MOST REASONABLE'

Mr Robert Plattford, Assistant U.S.A. Sales Manager for Boac in New York declared that prices in Hongkong were 'most reasonable' when he left the Colony at the weekend after a week-long stay.

He was accompanied by two other senior Boac sales colleagues from the United States, Mr Jack Candy, District Sales Manager for New York, and Mr Ian Wood, District Sales Manager for Philadelphia.

"We were all most impressed with the most reasonable prices asked by Hongkong shopkeepers for such a wide variety of attractive merchandise," Mr Plattford said. "Without exception, our experience was that we were offered top-quality goods at what — to us — were bargain-basement prices."

He pointed out that to American and other English-speaking tourists one of the strongest points in favour of Hongkong was the high standard of English spoken by hotel staffs, travel agency guides, shopkeepers and the like.

EXASPERATING

"Believe me nothing exasperates a tourist more than not being able to make himself understood. That is why Hongkong has such an advantage over places like Thailand and Japan where at times the language problem seems almost insurmountable."

The three men made a series of tours around the Colony, did individual sightseeing, visited shopping centres, comparison prices, and met travel agency leaders.

"For all of us it was our first visit to the new Hongkong; and we were so satisfied with the treatment we received here that we will use every means at our command in the United States to persuade more and more travellers to visit this fascinating spot."

"We do have one suggestion to make, however. The average tourist is rather shy and therefore rarely has an opportunity to experience the true atmosphere of Chinese life."

"We would recommend the tour operators — which we found excellent. Incidentally — to endeavour to include more visits to Chinese festivals, etc., wherever practicable."

New Year money demand started later

Bank withdrawals by Hongkong residents shortly before the Chinese New Year for settlement of debts and payment of bonuses, began later this year than last year.

A spokesman for the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank said this morning that the rush for withdrawals has been on since the middle of January.

"It has been increased for the last two weeks and will keep up until tomorrow," he said.

"But early next week or so, the money is expected to start coming back into the bank as it tried to do in the past."

The rush for withdrawals began earlier last year when the demand started growing towards the end of December.

The late start this year, however, he pointed out, did not mean that there was any less demand for money by the public.

This is because there is more money in circulation this year than last year.

The bank spokesman said there was \$865 million in circulation this year — \$22 million more than the \$843 million last year.

Also the Chinese New Year began a little earlier last year, he added.

From the Files
25 years AGO
February 1936

A STRONG criticism of the Hongkong multi-tal system was made by the editor of the *Slavo Market News*, Mr A. Lancaster Smith and published in the *Manchester Guardian*.

Referring to the finding of a recently established Hongkong committee that it was doubtful whether any attempt to stop the practice could be initiated by the Hongkong Government with any hope of success, Mr Lancaster Smith goes on to say: "There is no doubt that slavery has persisted under the British flag for almost 100 years in the Crown colony of Hongkong."

"If the above statement from the committee's report means anything at all it surely intimates that slavery under the British flag cannot be suppressed."

Mr Lancaster Smith then pointed out that in 1922, Mr Winston Churchill had told the House of Commons that "the Governor (of Hongkong) and I are determined to effect the abolition of the system at the earliest practicable date, and I have indicated to the Governor that I expect the change to be carried out within a year."

Mr Lancaster Smith went on to say that Lord Passfield, as Colonial Secretary had sent a dispatch to the Governor of Hongkong in August, 1929, saying: "It now appears, however, that after six years from the passing of the Ordinance the most that can be said is that there is no reason to believe that the number of Mui-Tai in the Colony has increased. After making all allowance for the difficulties in bringing the system to an end which are described at length in your dispatches, it is my duty to inform you that public opinion in this country and in the House of Commons will not accept such a result with equanimity and I feel myself quite unable to defend a policy of laissez-faire in this serious matter."

Mr Lancaster Smith then called on the British Government to reprint the Hongkong committee's report as a white paper "in order that British public opinion on the subject of slavery in Hongkong can be enlightened."

